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Clerk’s Corner by Julie Kriewaldt, Town Clerk

Lottery Credit Qualification

The Department of Revenue did an audit of Washington County properties regarding the Wisconsin Lottery Credit property tax relief provided in 2016. There were 6 properties in Erin that received a lottery credit last year and should not have. As the Clerk, I was responsible for putting, as they call it, the failed lottery credit on 5 tax bills as special charges for the 2017 tax season, payable in 2018. The property owners have to pay that lottery credit back to the State along with penalties and interest.

Lottery credits are only for your primary residence and you have to live there on January 1st, 2017 to get a lottery credit for that tax season. This has to be your primary residence in which you live at least 6 months out of the year. It cannot be a rental property or vacation home (i.e. a lake cottage). It also cannot be manufacturing property or business property unless the owner lives on the premises (i.e. living quarters above a tavern).

If you currently get a lottery credit and your situation changes, you must contact the County Treasurer (262-335-4324) to have the credit removed. For example:
 it was your primary residence, now you moved out permanently but still own the property it is now a rental property
 you claim a lottery credit on another property which became your primary residence

2018 Elections

2018 will bring four elections:
 February 20, 2018 Spring Primary Election
 April 3, 2018 Spring Election
 August 14, 2018 Fall Partisan Primary Election
 November 6, 2018 Fall General Election

Information for the elections will be put on the www.erintownship.com website under the Election menu option as it becomes available.

The Spring Primary will be for a Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice. The Spring Election will include school boards, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, County Supervisors, two Town of Erin Town Board supervisors, and more.

August is the primary for the November election. The November election will include Wisconsin Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer and more.

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Tires & White Goods Recycling Event – April 7, 2018

April 7, 2018, 8:00am – noon the Town will have their annual Tires & White Good Recycling Day. Watch the website or newspaper for more details including the disposal cost of each item. You are able to bring in old tires, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, humidifiers and pay a fee to recycle them. Please do not bring in iron filters, microwaves, or any electronics as they cannot be accepted.

Dog Licensing

Each year all dogs (5 months and older) have to be licensed by March 31st. Don't forget to license your dog for 2018. The application is on the website under "Forms". To license your dog(s), we need one application filled out per dog, the license fee, and the rabies certificate (this is returned to the owner). There is a \$5 late fee if the dog is not licensed by March 31st (this does not apply to puppies not old enough to license or if you acquire a dog later in the year).

Town Chairman Report by Dennis Kenealy

There will be several changes to our Town Board. The Town will be appointing a Supervisor to take the place of Tim Zignego. I would like to thank Tim for all of his valuable services the last few years. Also there will be a spring election in which at least one new Supervisor will be elected. We have a number of interested people who are running for that position.

We continue to discuss the future of the rental house located on the Town property. At this time it is the Board's decision to vacate the property and no longer pursue a rental of that land.

Those are the major issues at this time. The budget process went smoothly and we held the line on taxes for one more year.

Plan Commission by Dennis Kenealy

The Plan Commission has been more active than we anticipated. A lot of time has been expended in handling the so called Event Barn situations. The Plan Commission has become very involved in all aspects of those decisions and it appears that will continue. Also there have been many requests for buildings and land splits, which apparently indicates a robust market in the Town of Erin.

Roads Report by Dan Coffey

Town of Erin Road History

Most of the roads in Erin were established in the year 1846 and were completed by 1855. This included the road locations

and the right-of-ways that we honor today. This is recorded in the "Washington County Highway Register". The Milwaukee Land Office opened in 1836 allowing homesteading. The road scheme was established and in place by 1855, more than 160 years ago. As we repair roads, we honor those same boundaries today.

The Road Teams' Activities

Residents may not be aware of how many times during the year storms cause the roads crew to clear downed trees and branches from our roadways in the middle of the night. We as residents sleep through the night and head out for the day, never knowing what took place the previous night. The road crew may get a call any time of day to remove trees (usually late night or early morning), sometimes with downed utility lines as well.

Road repair is an ongoing process. We can only repave a small section of road each year due to lack of funding from the state and local taxes. The first step to repairing a road is to remove brush and trees from the road edge. This is important for many reasons. Removing brush and trees from the right-of-way (area typically 33' from the center-line of the road) allows the sunlight to clear ice and snow, disables tree roots from damaging the road base and asphalt, and helps avoid deer-car collisions. Please respect the road crew as they work in the right-of-way areas. Their goal is to keep residents and all vehicles that use the roads as safe as possible.

This year's agenda for road repair includes applying several miles of chip sealing (yes it is that annoying tar with small stones). Chip Seal will be put on existing roads to fill the cracks and give the road an extra layer of protection. Please drive slowly for the first week after the chip seal process to avoid damage from the loose stones to your vehicle and the vehicles you meet. The Roads team will also be finishing the last stretch of Donegal road between Carmel Drive and Emerald Drive. We may also be removing brush and trees from the right-of-ways on Emerald Drive in preparation for that road's repair in the future.

Town Board Road Activities

The Town of Erin Board members are looking at replacing the salt shed. The existing shed has rotted posts that would need to be replaced. Board members have looked at repairing the shed but it is cheaper to build new. The current shed holds half the salt needed for a single year, it is too close to the Town's well and it doesn't conform to today's standards. We will have to conform to the current DNR standards when we build the new salt shed.

Emergency Management by Brad Bautz

As I write this article, the town has not declared a "Snow Emergency" this winter. Just a reminder, if the Town

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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 the roadway-state, county, or town. 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.

The dry hydrant on the Oconomowoc River on Highway Q/ County Line Road will be replaced. It is a hydrant that the town installed back in 2001 in order to pump water from the river for use during fires. Waukesha County has jurisdiction over that section of roadway and is replacing the bridge. It was last updated in 1980, and it dates to 1921, making it the oldest bridge in Waukesha County. It will be completely replaced and redone. As a result, the hydrant will need to be removed, reconstructed and replaced. This construction will take place sometime this year and the bridge will be out, making the road impassible during construction.

I had the opportunity to represent the town at the swearing in of the Richfield Volunteer Fire Company's new chief, John Schmitz. The department serves the Village of Richfield, and portions of the Towns of Erin, Germantown, and Polk. Each community had a representative there. Congratulations on your retirement Terry Kohl and thank you for your years of service. Good luck Chief Schmitz!

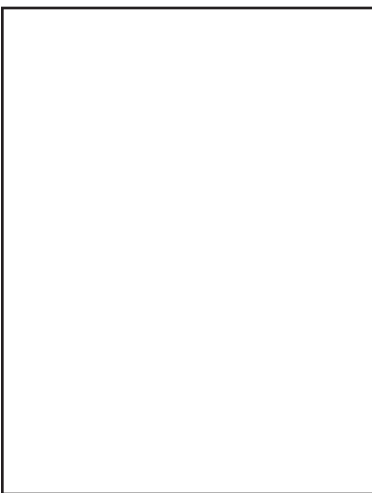
Please follow the burning ordinance. We have had several complaints last year involving burning. Please be cognizant of conditions before you burn. You must be near the fire. You cannot burn during a burning ban. Do not burn if the wind speed is greater than 12 miles per hour. Violations can result in a citation from the town. The rules for burning are set forth below.

No burning permits are required

When fire danger is high, very high, or severe all outdoor burning will be banned (this includes fireworks, which are already restricted by county ordinance) by order of the emergency management director, or town chairman. Outdoor cooking (i.e. grills) is an exemption. For such a ban I will notify the sheriff's office, and local radio stations. Notices will also be found on the town posting boards, and on the website.

Open fires must be attended at all times

The jurisdictional fire department or preferably the



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Washington County Sheriff's Office must be notified of any bonfire in excess of 10 ft in diameter or if a large area of grass is burned (i.e. over ¼ acre).

Fires can't be started on the roadway surface and only leaves and grass can be burned in the right-of-way.

The burning of garbage, plastics, rubber, treated wood, petroleum products or anything that emits noxious or toxic odors is **PROHIBITED**. The DNR already bans the burning of these items as they pose a health hazard to residents if burned.

DNR regulations also prohibit businesses from disposing of solid waste by burning.

Erin Park, by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

We would like to extend a huge thank you to former Town of Erin Supervisor, Tim Zignego, the Erin Park liaison for his support and guidance for the last five years. Tim has relocated to our sister community of Richfield and we wish him all the best.

Crab grass is an ongoing problem in the park, especially on the soccer fields. Due to this fact, the decision has been made to apply crabgrass preventer and our yearly weed control in the spring when weeds are actively growing. This will entail non-use of the soccer and baseball fields for a few days during the week at the beginning of the soccer season. As always, soccer is very supportive and we are hopeful this will pay huge dividends in improving our turf in the park.

Projects for 2018 include lengthening the Frisbee Golf pads, and sealing of the gazebo, base of the scoreboards and the newly rebuilt sandbox. We added two autumn blaze maples in the fall of 2017 thanks to end-of-the-season pricing of Goetz's Nursery. We also have six ash trees that will eventually succumb to emerald ash borer disease, so plans are underway to remove and replace two ash trees for the next three years.

For those of you who are unaware, a wild parsnip infestation is an ongoing battle in Erin Park and along our roadways. Please educate yourself on how to eradicate this invasive species. Here are links to two websites: <http://eekwi.org/veg/plants/wildparsnip.htm>; <http://americanatural.com/blog/get-rid-wild-poison-parsnip-without-using-chemical-herbicides/>

Our Park budget has remained constant even though projects have increased. We are grateful to Todd Kolzencer whose expertise has, in so many areas, allowed us to save money while ensuring the continued beautification of our town park. Thanks also to Steve Leinberger who is able to help out at a moment's notice.



Hartford Union High School

Save the Dates

Parent Information Network (PIN) is a parent information and support program designed by parents and professionals to help families of children and young adults with serious emotional, behavioral, and/or mental health challenges. This year a group of professionals from Hartford Area Schools have formed to put three different events on for our parents. Two that are still upcoming include:

-March 7 – Anxiety – What is causing our students to be anxious? – Dr. Jacobi from Rogers Memorial Hospital will be facilitating a discussion on this very important and relevant topic for all students. Please join us at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 7 in the HUHS Cafeteria.

-April 25 – Motivational Speaker – Michael McGowan on Creating a Culture of Kindness and Success. Learn with other parents how to stay connected to your kids as they grow in an online environment and with today's current issues. Please join us at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 in the HUHS Cafeteria.

Other Important Dates at HUHS:

- Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – Bands Midwinter Concert, 7:00 PM, Small Gym at HUHS
- Thursday, February 22, 2018 – Choral Midwinter Concert, 7:00 PM, Small Gym at HUHS
- Monday, February 26, 2018 – Orchestra Concert combined with Central Middle School
- Friday & Saturday, March 2 & 3, March 9 & 10 - 7:00 PM, and Sunday, March 4 & 11, 2018 - 2:00 PM, in the Drama/Lecture Hall at HUHS - Spring Play – *Prince Caspian*
- Friday, April 6 & Saturday April 7 – HUHS Talent Show, Drama/Lecture Hall – 7:00 PM
- Friday, May 4, 2018 – Cabaret Night, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 22, 2018 – Scholarship Evening, 7:00 PM, Drama/Lecture Hall
- Wednesday, May 23, 2018 – Spring Band/Orchestra Concert, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, May 24, 2018 – Day of Service for HUHS students
- Tuesday, May 29 & Wednesday, May 30 – Spring Choral Concert, 7:00 PM, Schauer Arts Center
- Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – Last Day of School
- Sunday, June 10, 2018, 1:00 PM – Graduation for the Class of 2018

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District, by Kieth A. Kriewaldt, District Administrator



Looking to Serve - The Erin School District has four standing committees where we could use some volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the school. The committees are Buildings & Grounds, Policy/Legislation & Bylaws, Finance-Transportation, and Negotiations. Also, if you live in the Erin School District and are interested in running for the Erin School Board, please contact the District Administrator for more information.

Community Outreach - The area school districts are looking to host three events for the community. While currently in the planning stages, we think the first is on February 7th with a showing of "Screenagers. Please watch the District webpage for more information or give the school a call.

Heating Plant Upgrades - After many years of reviewing and completing various projects, the Erin School Board passed a resolution on December 18, 2017. This resolution allows the Board to move forward on upgrading the current heating system for the 1958, 1965, and 1979 sections of our school (13 classrooms) along with consolidating our three (3) boiler rooms to one (1) and reduce our five (5) boilers to three (3) boilers. This is the last big project and the most expensive.

The Board has been working to save additional money over the last ten years to avoid increasing cost to taxpayers. This project will cost \$1,330,880 of which the district has committed \$828,930 over the next six years. The resolution is to levy an additional \$200,000 for each of the next three years, using an Energy Efficiency Exemption. This would result in the Erin School portion of your 2019 tax bill increasing by \$0.48 per \$1,000. By way of example, a \$400,000 house would yield a \$192 tax increase per year for three years. The work for the project will begin April 2019 and be completed September 2019.

School Operation by Donna Runte, Administrative Assistant /District Secretary

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, 2018, 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 runte@erinschool.org

Open Enrollment -February 5 thru April 30, 2018

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 kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Please contact Donna Runte to find out if your preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when parents may apply? The open enrollment application period for the 2018-19 school year is from February 5 thru April 30, 2018. *Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.* Parents may apply on-line during the application period at <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. 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 runte@erinschool.org or visit <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.

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 wrapped up with the annual Recognition Night on December 18th at Erin School. Twenty-five 5th - 8th grade girls participated in basketball this season. Lots of learning and improvement continues to take place. The teams all played 10 games and concluded their seasons by playing in the Arrowhead Middle School Athletic Conference (AMSAC) Tournament at their respective grade levels. The 5th and 6th grade teams each lost their first two games while the combined 7th/8th grade team finished in 4th place in the 8th grade tournament hosted by Friess Lake.

Erin School is enjoying our new bleachers and is preparing to show them off by hosting the 6th grade AMSAC boys' basketball tournament February 26 - March 3. There will be fifteen teams participating.

Finally, Erin continues to enjoy a positive atmosphere of sportsmanship and camaraderie as a school and community! Go Roadrunners!



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Building and Grounds, by Debra Fenney, Director of Building and Grounds

How do you fight Flu Season? With a team of custodians empowered with the resources and training needed to quickly and safely enact protocols to protect learning spaces. Over the holidays, all classroom surfaces and everything else students and teachers touch throughout the day were disinfected. Each restroom was pressure-washed with disinfecting solution as it is every other night during the school year. We have foggers ready for the classroom if the need occurs for classrooms. Keeping school buildings free of germs and infectious materials is and will always be a challenge for a maintenance department and is a significant part of caring for the health and welfare of children and teenagers in the school system. We do ask for your help in reminding the kids to keep up routine hygiene in school and at home.

Summer Projects – Over the last summer, we completed two big projects. We had the roof replaced on the 1958 and 1965 sections of the school. While we had the roofs replaced, we added more insulation to keep the building warmer during winter and cooler during the summer. The other project was a complete hallway floor update. We had the concrete polished and parts of the hallways have new carpeting installed. This update has made the maintenance much easier and cost effective.

Book Keeper by Cheryl Johrendt

As Erin is property rich, it means less General State Aid for the District. Erin School has a fiscal responsibility to their taxpayers to be sure that the valuable resources we receive are put to best use. The District's fund balance is around 41% and allows us to operate without having to borrow to meet our financial obligations. In addition, the fund balance will allow Erin School District to plan for future building projects with minimal borrowing.

In doing so, Erin has reduced its tax levy for the 2017/2018 school year. While the average tax bill is reduced, it does not mean every individual taxpayer will see a decrease. Homeowners who added an addition or enhancement to their property could potentially see an increase. The assessed value of a property will determine the amount of taxes. Continuous monitoring of the budget (revenues and expenses) has allowed Erin to provide high quality programs, appealing and updated facilities, and staff who are passionate, dedicated and committed. Your school district is committed to providing the best quality education now and into the future.

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. The program is helping all areas of the school and the staff is grateful for all the assistance. We welcome the Erin community to volunteer at school. There are many different areas in which to volunteer and many ways to help. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, feel free to contact Sophie Matthys – Matthys@erinschool.org or calling 673-3720.

Volunteer Grant Programs

Do you volunteer at Erin School? Did you know volunteer grants are charitable gifts given to non-profit organizations by corporations in recognition of volunteer work being done by a company's employees? Check with your employer to see 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.
- Donors Choose is a website where teachers post requests. Check out the link at <https://www.donorschoose.org/> and type in Erin School District. Right now we have two requested projects we are looking to fund.

Curriculum by Joannie Kalina, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Erin School District continues to work on teaching the curriculum and improving it to make sure our students are successful at Erin School, high school and the path they choose once they have completed high school. There are many ways we monitor our curriculum. We do local assessments in the classroom with daily check-ins by the classroom teacher. We conduct unit assessments on the information that was taught within a given time period by grade levels. We also conduct more formal assessments three times a year using the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test that is designed by Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA).

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The State of Wisconsin also has our students assessed in grades 3-8 in the areas of English/Language Arts and math. Students in grades 4 and 8 are also assessed in science and social studies. The State uses these results to check on how well a school district is performing in each of the areas and gives each school a report card. This year, Erin School District is ranked 11 out of 422 school districts and for the second time is the highest ranked school district in Washington County. The goal of the district is not to chase scores but to make sure what we are doing will prepare each student to be successful. Looking at all of our results, we believe we are being successful reaching our goal.

Erin PTC, by Lana Sanders

The Erin Parent Teacher Club's mission is to "Support our students' learning by partnering with the school district to provide resources and enhance communication". On that note, the PTC would like to share the following information:

Upcoming Events

The annual Erin School Fun Fair is scheduled for Saturday April 7th. Fun Fair is the largest annual PTC fundraiser of the year. It is a carnival type event with games, prizes, food, bingo, and a large silent auction. This is a wonderful

experience for the community to meet, talk, laugh and raise money for the school.

Grandparents' Day is scheduled for Friday May 4th. Our elementary students put on two performances for our grandparents. If you don't have grandchildren here but are interested in attending, please give us a call. You are more than welcome to attend.

Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for May 21st-25th. This is a great opportunity for families to purchase books for summer time reading.

Playground Phase II is in the planning stages and is looking to dedicate an area for basketball hoops that are separate from the parking lot. Continued fundraising efforts and community donations will further support these amazing playground opportunities.

Past Events

Christmas Craft is a PTC organized event where students can make a personalized ornament at the holidays to take home to their family. The students are also encouraged to write a holiday card that is distributed by the Washington County Department of Aging and Disability to people receiving delivered meals.



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Original Works is an opportunity for our students' art work to be placed on various items such as dinner plates, coffee cups and ceramic tiles and purchased as keepsakes to cherish through the years.

Classroom gifts were provided by the PTC to each classroom during the holiday season including games.

Trunk or Treat: Our first Trunk-or-Treat was a big success. There were about 15 cars that participated with creative holiday decorations. There was popcorn, cookie decorating, snack bag decorating and The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown movie being played. Thank you to all of the parents and children that participated and came to this wonderful event. See you again October 2018.

Ways to help

Purchase Goeman's Gift Cards: Purchase Goeman's BP Gift Cards from school and the school receives 16% of the sale. These gift cards can only be redeemed at Goeman's RapidMart in Erin, Hartford, and Watertown. They never expire and are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. For those of us that frequent Goeman's BP on a regular basis, this is an awesome way to help the school. Place your order by filling out the order form and turning into the school office. Order forms are available in the school office, on the PTC bulletin board, on the PTC webpage, and can be printed from the Friday folder.

Box Tops: Collect Box Tops from hundreds of products online and through the grocery store then send them to Erin School to help support education by raising money for Erin School.

Scrip Program: Erin School participates in the Scrip fundraiser. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for more information and a full listing of gift cards available. Erin School enrollment code: 5458B62L54L6. Order online and submit a check payable to "Erin PTC" with the cover sheet to the school office.

Amazon Smile: Purchase your Amazon orders through the AmazonSmile website (smile.amazon.com), choose Erin School District as your charity, and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to Erin School as a selected charitable organization.

Contact the PTC if you are interested in volunteering your time or donating to the many wonderful events and services provided by the Erin School Parent Teacher Club. Send an email to ptc@erinschool.org. We thank you in advance for your continued contributions.

Erin Hills, By John Morrissett

After hosting Wisconsin's first U.S. Open in 2017, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Town's residents (especially our immediate neighbors) and the Town's leadership for their patience and work that contributed so much to the success of the

championship. While we may not know for some time if we will be honored to host another U.S. Open, we know that the USGA was extremely impressed with the support it received here and that such support plays a key role in its future site selection. Thank you for your contributions; it was good to see so many of our neighbors enjoying themselves during championship week.

As for what is next for Erin Hills, we are planning some small-scale enhancements for 2018 (e.g., the addition of a putting course), and we will continue to support amateur golf by hosting, for example, boys' and girls' high school matches for Hartford, the Lake Country Charity Invitational (which benefits the MACC Fund), and the Marquette Intercollegiate.



Brooks Koepka

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Erin Soccer by Marilyn Litts Secretary/Treasurer

Our soccer players have been in hibernation 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 very soon. Practices start at the end of March (weather permitting) and games will begin Saturday, April 14th.

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 2018/2019 season on May 15th, 2018 – check out our website to register.

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 one practice per week but no games.



Our coaches are parent volunteers that attend training and rules classes. They will teach your child proper soccer techniques along with good sportsmanship and most importantly to have fun.

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

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

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



St. Patrick Preservation, by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

This year marks the 19th year of our St. Patrick Preservation Group, as we celebrate the 163rd year of the existence of St. Patrick's Church in the Town of Erin.

Father David LaPlante, pastor of St Kilian's Parish in Hartford has informed us that due to his busy schedule there

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will again be no Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Church on March 17 to celebrate our patron saint. We are saddened that we will again be unable to see the inside of our beloved church and celebrate Mass together as a faith community.

However, *Father Don Brick*, O.C.D., Prior and Rector of Holy Hill has graciously extended an invitation to all *to celebrate Holy Mass on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at Holy Hill Basilica in the Town of Erin*. Thank you Tim Dunne for your efforts to ensure we start the day as the Irish do—at Mass and to Steve Tennes and the Urlakis girls who will sing.

Following Mass, we can enjoy and experience Gaelic revelry at the 38th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at 11AM. The St. Patrick Preservation Group will again sponsor a float and St. Patrick will be in attendance! The parade starts at the corner of Highways E and K, travels south on Highway K and ends at Highway 167.

On Sunday, March 18, St. Kilian's in Hartford will host a St. Patrick's Day Celebration following the 11:15 a.m. Mass. It will feature Irish music, tea from Ireland, soda bread and, of course, Father David's famous green M&M cookies.

If you would like to become a member of the St. Patrick Preservation Fund, Inc. (reasonably priced at \$5/Single and \$10/Family), please contact Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel at 262/670-0975 or E-mail her at SaveStPats@aol.com. And with St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, don't forget to purchase a copy of the 150th Anniversary History Book of St. Patrick's Church (just a very few left!) lovingly put together by Erin residents and historians Nancy and Ev Henke and their daughter Mary Hasslinger. E-mail Mary Hasslinger at mary.weddingday@att.net.

38th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, by Derek Wilcox

This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday, March 17th, **starting at 11 AM**. It will begin again this year at the intersection of County Hwy E and County Hwy K. It will proceed south on County Hwy K to the intersection of County Hwy K and Hwy 167 where it will end.

Police will be starting to close off Hwy K to traffic around 9:30 AM. Parking along County Hwy K will be limited to passenger vehicles and light trucks. Recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes, buses, etc., will not be allowed to park on the road and will need to find alternative parking. Temporary structures such as tents will not be permitted along the parade route.

Prize money will 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 are permitted.

Parade entrants will be limited to the first 50 to sign up. Entry forms can be obtained at the Erin Inn – Irish Pub or at the Erin Town Hall (1846 Hwy 83, Hartford, WI 53027), 262-673-3682, or www.erintownship.com.

As always, we will be crowning a King and Queen of the Parade. To be eligible you must be at least 21 years old and not married. If multiple people are interested, there will be voting conducted at the local establishments. The Coronation Ceremony will take place Sunday, March 11th at the Erin Inn – Irish Pub. If interested in becoming the next King or Queen, please contact Derek at the Erin Inn.

With the parade falling on a Saturday this year, we can expect a larger crowd. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we receive cooperation from the spectators. Please, **STAY OFF THE ROAD AND DO NOT APPROACH THE PARADE ENTRIES**. Staying behind the white line on the side of the road is a must. This will help ensure a smooth flowing and safe parade again this year.

The parade is not possible without the help of numerous volunteers and donations from individuals and businesses. If you or someone you know is willing to volunteer or provide a donation, please contact Derek at the Erin Inn.

A special thanks to Jeff Kraft for 22 years as Parade Committee Chairman. As he enjoys retirement from the Erin Inn, he has also graciously helped pass the torch to ensure the parade tradition in the Town of Erin continues!

Schauer Arts Center

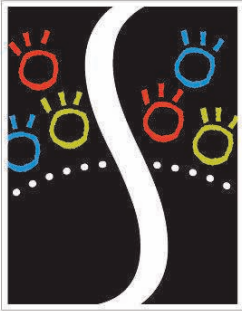
The Willis Clan Added to 2017-18 Schauer Performing Arts Series

The Schauer Arts Center is excited to announce the addition of The Willis Clan to its 2017-18 Performing Arts Series. This talented family of singers, musicians, and dancers will perform on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 2:00 and 7:30 pm as part of the First National Bank Mainstage Series.

The Willis Clan have won dozens of medals in the USA and in Ireland, and appeared in Irish festivals across the country. But it was their career defining appearance on "America's Got Talent" that made them a household name and a staple on the Grand Ole Opry stage.

When all 12 brothers and sisters auditioned on Season 9 of "America's Got Talent" by singing an Appalachian-infused version of "My Favorite Things," the judges weren't the only ones who fell in love.

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Before bowing out in the quarter-finals, the Willis Clan wowed millions of new fans with their music and original sound. The family's musical influence is inspired by their own traditional Irish roots, and combines with country, pop, sacred, and even barbershop.

"This could not be more exciting and flattering in that we have been chosen as the first place they will perform after their recent hiatus,"

says executive director Joe Konrad. "Tickets are selling fast to fans coming to Hartford from all over the US!"

Other upcoming shows include:

John Mueller's *Winter Dance Party* - Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 pm

Comicality 2018, A Schauer Center Benefit by The Hartford Players - Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2-3, & Friday, Feb. 9 at 8:00 pm and Saturday, Feb. 10 at 2:00 pm

Man of the Century, The Story of Winston Churchill - Friday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 pm

Duelly Noted, Dueling Pianos - Friday, Mar. 23 at 8:00 pm

Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Bagpipers Who ROCK - Sunday, Mar. 25 at 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Two on Tap, Singing & Dancing Tap Sensation - Saturday, Apr. 7 at 3:00 pm

Six Appeal, A Capella Vocal Magic - Saturday, Apr. 14 at 7:30 pm

3 Redneck Tenors, Down Home Laughs, Big City Music - Friday, Apr. 20 at 2:00 & 7:30 pm

Sounds of Summer, America's #1 Beach Boys Tribute - Saturday May 5 at 3:00 & 7:30 pm

Glenn Miller Orchestra - Friday, May 25 at 7:30 pm

Steely Dane, Steely Dan Tribute - Friday, Jun. 1 at 7:30 pm

Peter Pan, by Jim & I Productions - June 15-24, 2018

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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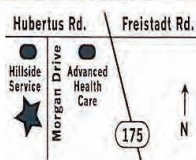
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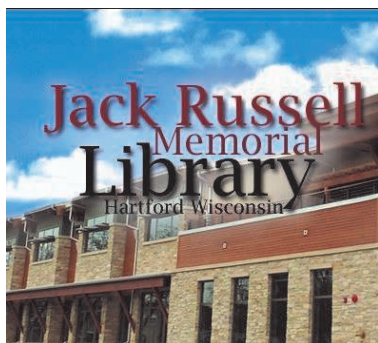


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Jack Russell Memorial Library by Jennifer Einwalter



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 10:00am to 8:00pm, Fridays from 10:00am to 5:30pm, and on Saturdays from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Library cards are issued free of charge to Erin residents by providing a photo ID and current address.

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Tablet Tuesdays

January  Libby	February  Monarch Catalog	March  Accessibility for Tablets	April  BadgerLink
May  Google Drive	June  What to read next?	July  Appy Hour	August  Coding
September  Social Media 101	October  Stop Animation	November  Digital Crafting	December  Genealogy

Tablet Tuesdays is a monthly class covering various useful skills for using iPads! The classes will be hosted by one of our Washington County libraries each month. Pick up a brochure to check the dates, times, and locations of your favorite classes!

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Heating bills a struggle? Applying for the Wisconsin Home Energy Plus program is the answer!

The WHEAP program runs from October 1, 2017 – May 15, 2018. The program offers a one-time payment per household, per heating season to assist with your utility cost.

All applicants must meet the income eligibility limits. For example, the income limit for a single person is \$2217 per month. The income limit for a couple is \$2,899 per month. The size of the benefit will depend on household size, income and heating costs.

Assistance is available whether you heat your home with wood, fuel oil, propane, natural gas or electricity. The payment generally is sent directly to the energy provider.

The WHEAP program also partners with the Weatherization Program and may be able to provide assistance if your furnace should break down during the season. This is a program available to you at NO cost.

The Weatherization Program will also offer an evaluation of your home to help you reduce your energy costs. If you chose to participate in the Weatherization Program, a representative from Weatherization will contact you to do an audit of your home. Once the audit is complete, you may be eligible for assistance in the form of air sealing, insulating and repair/replacement of mechanicals such as water heaters, furnaces and ventilation fans.

Energy Assistance appointments are offered in West Bend, Germantown, Hartford, Kewaskum and Jackson. Contact your local Home Energy Plus Agency at (262) 335-4677 for more information or to apply for assistance.

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2018 Program Schedule

JANUARY 9TH

Are You Cyber Safe?

A presentation for all generations focusing on: Spear Phishing, Think Like a Hacker, and Tricks to Ensure a Safe Online Profile.

FEBRUARY 13TH

Soda Homebrew 100

In this demo you will learn the process of making a basic homebrewed soda! Each participant will go home with a bottle of soda!



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Food Affair

APRIL 10TH

A night of cooking, baking, and tasting! Submit your favorite 5-Ingredient recipe, or come just to taste!

MAY 8TH

Doug The Jug

A juggling extravaganza for children and adults of all ages!



MARCH 13TH

10 Mistakes I Made in My Garden So You Don't Have To

This entertaining workshop by Wisconsin author Megan Cain can help you get more out of your garden!

JUNE 12TH Myths and Realities
in Wisconsin's Courts

This humorous presentation aims to correct some of the misinformation that the entertainment industry often depicts!



JULY 10TH Chandelier Ballroom
History & Pudgies Food Truck

Delve into the history of Hartford's impressive ballroom while munching on snacks from our local foodtruck!



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15TH

Zoozort Mini-Zoo

Zoozort is a unique, hands-on interactive program that features live exotic animals from all around the world. Children are enthralled with animals, information, props and humor; sparking an interest that will last a lifetime.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

Green Bay's "13" Championship Seasons

Relive the glory days in this presentation featuring all the winning seasons of your favorite football team!



Portrayals of
President Abraham
Lincoln

OCTOBER 9TH

Listen to Mr. Lincoln share his remarkable story, and that of our nation.

History of Downtown HARTFORD

NOVEMBER 13TH

Staff of the Hartford History Room will present the history and many changes to downtown Hartford through a photographic journey!

DECEMBER 11TH
Laura Ingalls
Wilder Christmas

Join Laura Ingalls as she reminisces with her family and fiancé on Christmas Day out on the snowy prairie.



Starting time for Programs:
6:30pm Refreshments 7:00 Program

Limit of 100 People

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*Memory Screenings
at Jack Russell Memorial Library*

A *memory screen* is a wellness tool that helps identify possible changes in memory and cognition.

- ♦ Knowledge means more control
- ♦ Early detection is important
- ♦ Treatment is possible
- ♦ Get immediate results

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January 15 ~ April 16 ~ July 16 ~ October 15





*Memory Cafe
at
Jack Russell Memorial Library*

100 Park Ave. Hartford, WI

Memory Cafes are places where persons with early-stage Alzheimer's, or a related dementia can go with their care partners to socialize and have fun with other people going through similar things.

Cafes provide a time where you do not need to focus on the diagnosis, while having a great time connecting with each other as a family or creating new friendships.

When: 2nd Monday of every month
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