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Clerk's Corner by Julie Kriewaldt, Town Clerk

Elections

Next year will be a busy election year.

- February 18, 2020 Spring primary, if needed
- April 7, 2020 Spring election and presidential preference
- August 11, 2020 Partisan primary
- November 3, 2020 General election

It is time to review your voter registration. If you have moved, changed your name, turned 18, or have never voted or haven't voted in years - register to vote. If you don't want to stand in two lines on election day - register to vote on-line in advance. Search for the myvotewi.gov/en-us site. To register on this site the address on your driver's license must match the address you are registering. Do this at least 21 days before an election, and your name will appear on the poll list on election day. To register to vote at myvotewi.gov/en-us, you are not required to provide a proof of residency. Keep in mind you can still register on election day or in the clerk's office before election day, but you will need to provide a proof of residency to register.

2020 is a presidential election year, which means you will soon be finding voter registration forms and absentee ballot request forms in your mailbox. These mailings are not from me, even though they may appear to be. They are sent by special interest groups and the prefilled voter information on the forms is often inaccurate. To ensure you are properly registered or to apply for an absentee ballot, please visit myvotewi.gov/en-us or contact me, Julie Kriewaldt, at 262-673-3682 or email erintown@netwurx.net.

Please remember, to get an absentee ballot in the mail, I must have the request in writing and a copy of your photo ID.

Snow season

The snow season is coming, whether we like it or not. According to the state statute, the driver of a vehicle that is not a plow but following a plow must remain 75 feet back from the plow if the speed limit on the road is 35mph or less (§346.915 (2)2). Do not try to pass the plow. The plow drivers cannot always see you.

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Christmas Trees

Reminder: Christmas trees may be brought to the town hall for recycling December 26 through January 17. There will be a small sign in the back of the parking lot showing where to put the tree. If you have any questions, call 262-673-3682.

Recycling update

I receive calls a couple times of year asking “Where can I get rid of used motor oil?” The City of Hartford will allow Erin residents (not businesses) to bring their **motor oil only** to 710 W. Sumner Street. Their hours are: Thursdays 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. You must show proof of residency. Don’t forget, the Town of Erin residents can recycle: glass, tin cans, aluminum, plastic, and cardboard at the Town of Hartford recycling center on Thursdays 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. The address is: 3360 County Hwy K.

Chairman Report, by Dennis Kenealy

It has been a relatively non-eventful summer; however, we are now actively working on road maintenance and repair projects. It is essential that we keep the town roads and rights-of-way clear and maintained for emergency use and normal safe travel.

We will be starting the next budget process in October. It appears we are in a good position entering that budget cycle, however we will have major decisions in our efforts to raise additional funding for future years road projects. If it seems the roads are a main issue in the town, it is because they are and we are trying to address them with any means of financing available.

The Plan Commission has been meeting more regularly than we expected but that is due to growth in the Town. A major project being considered is the use of the old farm property next to the town park. The commission is diligently working on having an acceptable use of that property for the town and surrounding park area. The town has also had considerable residential additions and improvements which have necessitated Plan Commission reviews. The developments help our tax base but do have an unseen effect such as increasing the cost of our fire

protection and road improvements.

The Executive/Emergency Management committee will begin deliberating the 2020 budget in October and also review the Emergency Management changes that were made including our new enforcement clarification.

Emergency Management by Brad Bautz

My primary focus right now is updating the town’s emergency plan. I am also looking to formalize our



prior agreements with neighboring municipalities and school districts to allow us to use their facilities and receive assistance in the event it is necessary. I work with several school districts on their emergency response planning and exercises as well.

I am in the process of developing the budget for next year. Tentatively, our costs to the fire departments will be going up. There is a large increase in the fee to Hartford Fire and Rescue, as it is based solely on the equalized value improvements in the town, which went up 7% overall. I also will be working on another contract with Ashippun.

The town split off some of the duties I had acquired through the years. The town board split what I was doing into two positions. One is Director of Emergency Management, and the other is Enforcement Officer. I was selected to fill both jobs. Both continue to be part time. The Director of Emergency Management is in charge of the town’s Emergency Operations Plan, procuring fire and rescue service for the town, and budgeting for that. The Enforcement Officer position deals with the investigation and enforcement of town ordinance (code) violations. This is primarily burning, parking enforcement, the park, and alcohol enforcement.

The town is a member of the Lake Country Municipal Court. This court is where our municipal citations are

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heard. It is located on the second floor of city hall in Oconomowoc, above the police department. Every municipality has a representative on the court's administrative committee. The process of getting the old Sentry building remodeled to accommodate the police department and the court continues. It will likely be a year or more before the court will move.

Please follow the burning ordinance. Please be cognizant of conditions before you burn. Your fire must be attended at all times. You must be near the fire. You cannot burn during a burning ban. Do not burn if the wind speed is greater than 9 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.

At any time of year:

- Open fires must be attended at all times
- The jurisdictional fire department or preferably the 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.

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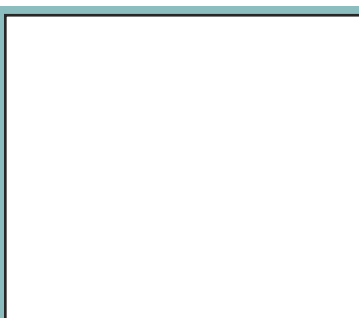
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The town does not regulate the discharge of firearms, so all regular state statutes and DNR regulations apply. Rifle hunting is allowed.

Have a safe and happy fall.

Erin Park, by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

We welcome Alex Hall and Andrew Ford—our two new park employees and we thank Steve Leinberger for his dedicated service and his ability to hop on a lawnmower on a moment's notice.

The park staff, with Todd Kozlencr as Park Manager, has been busy with mowing, tree removal, fence repair and landscaping. The new salt shed construction has begun, so there will be changes in the park. The slide and swing set on the north end of the park will be removed and stored for installation next spring near the baseball and soccer fields. During salt shed construction, the former rental property will be graded properly and the septic bed removed. We are hopeful that seeding can take place yet this year.

The annual budget process has begun and we are in the planning stages of expanding the Erin Disc Golf Course, which has seen a dramatic increase in players. We are planning to expand the course from 9 to 12 holes. Due to the salt shed construction, we are waiting to extend the pads, as the course will have to be reconfigured. Another project on the calendar is sealing and crack filling of the walking paths.

If you are a Disc Golf enthusiast, perhaps you might consider a donation for the future three holes and cement pad



extensions. Donations can be sent to: Town of Erin, 1846 State Highway 83, South, Hartford, WI 53027; and note on your check: Disc Golf Park Improvements.

Roads, by Dan Zignego, Town Supervisor

Roads continue to deteriorate

We continue to be challenged by the condition of our town roads, some of which are critical to our ability to travel in and around Erin. The normal wear and tear on our roads, including weather conditions and increased traffic, are contributing to their deterioration.

This is to be expected. But our operating budgets are proving insufficient to provide the level of



St. Patrick's Lane

maintenance needed for our deteriorating roads. We have several town roads that have a 'poor' rating according to the scale used by municipalities.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Erin School

District, by Kieth A. Kriewaldt, District Administrator



Once again, we have had a very smooth start to the school year. We did have two last minute hires to replace a special education teacher who moved closer to home and our music teacher, Ryan Meisel, who is now working with high school students in New Berlin. We wish them both the best with their new jobs. They will be missed. We have been very fortunate to find two outstanding teachers to replace them. Megan Jakubowski is our brand new, right-out-of-college, music teacher. She is off to a good start figuring out how to do the job and teach 9 different grade levels. Jill Ingram has joined the special education team and has ten years of experience in Indiana. We are happy her family has decided to move to our area. We also have a new library aide, Pat Olsen. Pat is joining us from the West Bend School District where she was a library aide. This was due to Marge Bergen's retirement after 22 years with the district. We also wish her a very happy retirement.

Erin School District has 423 students this school year. This is up from last year's count of 418 students. Last year we had 206 resident students and this year we have 205 resident students. We had 212 open enrollment students last year and are up to 218 open enrollment students this year. We have added some support staff hours to help in various areas.

This year, the district is going to focus on improving our student instruction and overall student learning. The staff has attended various workshops over the summer to learn how to meet our students' needs and learning. We are working closely as a team and talking about how to provide the best education we can for all of our students.

The building and grounds committee continues to meet and confer to keep your school property in top shape and energy efficient. Over the summer we completed many projects which are outlined in the Building and Grounds policy. We are now

exploring how to start updating the classrooms for the 1957 section of the building. We hope to have this take place over the summer of 2020.

In April 2019, we started the replacement and updates on our heating system. The project was projected to cost \$1.33 million. After aggressive bidding, we were able to bring the project in for \$1.21 million, saving the district \$114,828. Due to some additional revenue from the state and federal government, we were able to use more of the fund balance to pay off more of the debt without having to borrow what we thought we would have to borrow to complete this project. In short, the district will borrow \$499,080 over the next three years. Our goal is to pay off \$200,000 plus interest in 2019-20 and 2020-21 and pay off the loan in 2021-22.

Community members are invited to stop by the school to see what we have completed with your support. We would be happy to give you a tour and answer any of your questions. Thank you for supporting your local school.

School Operation by Donna Runte, District Secretary/Administrative Assistant

Looking for a job where you can pick the days you work? Do you like working with kids? Erin school is looking for substitute teachers

Have you ever thought about being a substitute teacher? A Three-Year Short-Term Substitute license may be issued to an applicant who holds a degree from an accredited college or university and who has successfully completed an approved substitute training program, but has not completed a state-approved educator preparation program. Once an educator holds a current Three-Year Short-Term Substitute license, they may short-term substitute at any Wisconsin school district that wishes to hire them. Erin School is looking to add to our sub list.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Dr. Kriewaldt at 262-673-3720 ext. 5000 to set up a 30-minute meeting

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where you will learn about Erin School, the requirements of the job, the training program, and how to apply for the license.

Are you interested in serving on a committee? We have many ways for you to get involved. Please give us a call, send us an email or stop by and let us know what you would be interested in.

Many community members inquire about using the school building and equipment. School Board Policy 834 - Temporary Use of School Facilities and 834(R) Temporary Use of School Facilities Rule will answer most of your questions. These policies can be found on the district webpage under "District" "School Board" and then "Policy".

Watch our website www.erinschool.org and our Facebook page for current events and the exciting things happening here at Erin School, like the Erin Hills Fun Run which will be held Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. registration and 10:00 a.m. start. Check out our webpage or Facebook page for more information.

Athletics, by Andrew Andress, Athletic Director

Erin School is looking forward to another year of athletic opportunities for our student-athletes. We will again have Girls Basketball from October through December, Boys Basketball from January through early March, and conclude the year with Girls and Boys Volleyball March through early May. Additionally, Running Club will take place in the fall and spring for all interested students.

This year we are excited about our new logo and refinished gym floor. We'll be getting new boys basketball uniforms to replace our eleven-year-old ones as well. We encourage you to come on out to Erin School to support our student-athletes. GO ROADRUNNERS!

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

Over the summer months, the entire building's heating system was automated with heating and cooling sensors along with all five boiler units being replaced by three energy efficient units and placed in one location.

All the uni-vents within the building were also replaced with more efficient and quieter units. In the 1957 classrooms, the built-in shelving was removed to make room for the uni-vents. These built-in cabinets were replaced with mobile units to make the classroom more flexible when setting them up for class. Each of the classrooms also has oscillating fans installed to provide a breeze during the warmer days as the classrooms are not air conditioned. All the ceiling tiles and grids were replaced along with the hallway speakers which are now connected to our phone system.

We also remodeled the staff room with updated flooring, cabinets, and counter tops. Our intention is to remodel the remaining five classrooms in the 1957 addition next year. By remodeling the staff room, it gave us an idea if we could handle the remodeling in-house versus having to bid the project out. While it was a little work for our staff, we believe we can do most of the work ourselves to save the school district money and bid out specific parts to vendors.

The other odds and ends we did over the summer were to replace a hot water heater that quit at the end of the school year, top coat the gym floor, grout the bathrooms, clean carpets, fix or replace blinds, tuck point parts of the building, update front signage, add a few lockers for new students, install smoke detectors in the 4K-5th grade hallways, and repave the rear driveway which failed over the winter and was nothing more than black rubble. This project led to installing a new GAGA Ball pit thanks to funding from the Erin PTC. We also cleaned up a small wooded area so we have better sight lines during recess.

I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to the summer cleaning crew for all their hard work and dedication to get the school ready on time. It was a huge undertaking and with their perseverance and determination, we got everything done.

Bookkeeper by Cheryl Johrendt

Although school has been in session only a short time, the 2019/2020 budget has been in the works for several months. It has now been finalized and will be presented at the annual meeting on September 23,

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2019. If you were not able to attend the meeting, you can call and request a copy of the packet of information.

The Erin School District has made every effort to maintain a safe and positive school environment for its students, staff and community while remaining fiscally responsible to the school district taxpayers. While the District continues to provide services as it has in the past, it can sometimes be a bit challenging. The District monitors the revenues and expenditures monthly and adjusts accordingly throughout the year.

Volunteer Program by Sophie Matthys

We're excited to start the 2019-2020 School Year and Erin School's Volunteer Program!

Last year, our volunteer program was a great success thanks to the over 40 volunteers who shared their time and talent at Erin School. If you are interested in volunteering at Erin School, we would love to have

you. We have a wide variety of areas that need your time and talent; copying/laminating, lunch buddy, reading stories or listening to a student read and gym helper to name a few. Scheduling is taking place now. Whether it is a day every week or even just once a month, our students would benefit with your help. Please contact me at matthys@erinschool.org or 262-673-3720 for a form or more information!

Special Education by Cynthia Tomich, Director of Special Education

The district is required to conduct a child find outreach. This is a developmental screening for children ages birth to 5 years old, who reside within the boundaries of the Erin School District. All children are encouraged to attend, particularly if you have concerns for your child's development. This screening is NOT the 4K screening conducted for all incoming 4K students, which is typically held in the spring. This is a developmental screening to identify any developmental needs that may prompt the district to conduct

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a special education evaluation.

In the past we have tried to schedule a date and time to do this but with all the busy schedules and numerous conflicts, we are asking you to call the school and set up an appointment. The screening only takes about 30 minutes. So if you feel your child might benefit from a screening or if you have any questions about your child's development, feel free to reach out to the school.

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Emerald Drive

The scale used to rate road conditions is known as the PASER scale – Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating. The PASER scale is a 1-10 rating system for road pavement condition developed by the University of Wisconsin – Madison Transportation Information Center. PASER uses visual inspection to evaluate pavement surface conditions.

Evidence of poorly rated roads can be seen on Emerald Road, St. Patrick's Lane and St. Augustine Road, to name a few. At this point, we're continuing to monitor and maintain our roads as best we can with our existing budgets while considering other funding options for the future.

What's going on?

By Maripat Blankenheim, Town Supervisor

Since being elected to the Erin Town Board last year, I've had residents tell me they're surprised when they see things happening in the town. Why are they cutting brush along the highway? What's going on with this or that property? When are they going to fix my road?

These are all good questions, to be sure, but the best way to stay on top of what's happening in the town – your town – is to be more involved with its activities. We are always looking for people to serve on boards and committees. In most cases, the commitment is small, but important.

But the easiest way to stay on top of what's happening is to attend Town Board and Plan Commission meetings. More often than not, the same two or three people are at these meetings. You don't have to have an item on the agenda to attend. Everyone is welcome. As town officials, our job is to make decisions based on the best interests of the town of Erin. As residents, your job is to keep us and all appointed committee and commission members accountable for our actions.

Board meetings are the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The Plan Commission meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. provided there are agenda items to consider, which may not always be the case. All meetings are at the Erin Town Hall, 1846 Hwy. 83. Hope to see you there.

Erin Soccer by Marilyn Litts Secretary/ Treasurer

This season started off with much better weather than last fall. The kids improved their skills and had fun in the process. Now this season is winding down as the last games will be played Saturday, October 26. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, from coaches, team managers, Snack Shack helpers and everyone else, you help keep things running!



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COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Patrick Preservation, by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

On July 1, 1999, St. Patrick Church of Erin celebrated its last Mass as a parish. Much has happened in 20 years--- three different archbishops and two pastors. Through it all, St. Patrick (although somewhat neglected) is still standing as an historic landmark in the Town of Erin.

We continue to be encouraged that a sacred, Catholic use can be found for St. Patrick's Church, especially after Pope Francis' recent message where he stated that "preserving the sacredness and beauty of underused Catholic Churches is of utmost importance", and these churches can be "witnesses to the faith of the community that has produced them over the centuries, and for this reason they are in their own way instruments of evangelization... so that they can continue to carry out an ecclesial mission." Amen to that!

We thought on this 20-year anniversary, it would be wonderful to speak of the faithful people who are buried at Old and New St. Patrick Cemeteries in the coming issues. One of these special families would be the Cleary family, whose farm borders Highway 83 and Highway Q.

Angelo John (A.J.) Cleary was born on October 23, 1906. His parents were Angelo and Margaret Cleary. They had three children: Angelo John, Mary and Thomas. A.J. was the oldest. He remained on the family homestead, where he helped operate the small dairy farm. The farm has been in the Cleary family prior to 1860, when Thomas Cleary (A.J.'s grandfather) immigrated to the United States from Ireland and settled in Erin Township.

While a dairy farmer at heart, A.J. was also actively involved in his community. Some of his interests were serving on the Washington



A.J. and Marie Cleary

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Erin Hills, by John Morrissett



Erin Hills Winter Golf Shop Hours - and Two Sales!
The Golf Shop at Erin Hills will close temporarily when the course closes for the season on October 20. However, it will reopen for the following dates:

- Saturday October 26: Sale from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m!
Buffet lunch also available.
- November 25 – January 3 (Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
- Saturday December 7: Sale from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m!
Buffet lunch also available.

Schauer Arts Center

Schauer Center Kicks off New Season & Classes

The Schauer Arts Center is excited to present its 2019-20 Performing Arts Series, a new and diverse season of entertainment from a wide variety of global artists. The Schauer's 19th season, featuring the theme of "Expect the Unexpected," includes performances from Charlie Berens, the Milwaukee Ballet, Exile, 3 Redneck Tenors, Golden Dragon Acrobats and more.



Upcoming Fall performances include:

Manitowoc Minute's Charlie Berens *Oh My Gosh Tour*, on Saturday, September 14 at 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Elvis & Johnny A Tribute Starring Joseph Hall & Paul Eve, on Friday, September 20 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Wisconsin Brass Quintet, on Friday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Bubble Wonders *Anything's Possible*, on Sunday, September 29 at 3:00 p.m.

David Victor Formerly of Boston *The Hits of Boston & Styx*, on Saturday, October 5 at 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Sister's Back to School Catechism *The Holy Ghost & Other Terrifying Tales* on Friday, October 11 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m.

The Art of Polka Starring Steve Meisner & Lynnmarie on Friday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Chicken Wire Empire on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

Exile 55th Anniversary Tour on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The Whiskeybelles on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Top of the World A Carpenters Christmas Tribute on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.

'Twas the Month Before Christmas on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

3 Redneck Tenors Christmas Spec-Tac-Yule-Ar on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Peter, Paul & Willy on Friday, December 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

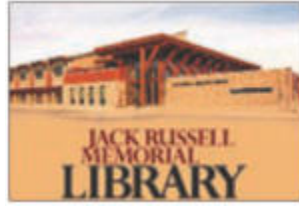
The Schauer School of the Arts (SSA) is now accepting registration for its Fall session. Classes are offered for ages 2+ in Music, Theater, Visual Arts and Dance (Irish, Tap, Contemporary). Adult Wine & Art classes are also offered.

To purchase tickets or register for classes, stop by the Schauer Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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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Jack Russell Memorial Library

As of September 18, 2019, JRML is releasing a brand new streaming service for smart phones, computers, tablets, game consoles and smart tvs! In partnership with Recorded Books, patrons will have access to seven different streaming stations.



mentaries streamed on-demand to just about any digital device.

IndieFlix brings engaging stories to movie lovers around the world. Library patrons can enjoy unlimited access to over 8,000 high-quality shorts, features, documentaries, classic TV shows and Web series from 85 countries.

Pongalo offers unlimited access to the largest collection (over 10,000 episodes) of Spanish-Language telenovelas and TV series.

Learn It Live offers interactive, live video courses and thousands of recorded courses on health and wellness, spirituality, personal development, and more.

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Acorn TV streams world-class mysteries, dramas, and comedies from Britain and beyond, including a full slate of original and exclusive programming. With thousands of hours of commercial-free programming and new shows added weekly, there's always something to watch.

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Cougar sightings in Erin

By Patti Weix

Have you seen a cougar or cougar tracks? If so, you're not alone. There have been several sightings in Washington County in the past year. On Feb. 8, 2018, a cougar was recorded on a security camera in the owner's front yard in Colgate. Closer to Erin, three cougars have been seen recently. On July 21, 2019, a juvenile cougar was seen around 5:30 p.m. in the front yard of a home on Slinger Road one-half mile south of Hwy 60. On Aug. 24, 2019, at 7:15 a.m., a large cougar was seen running across Hwy. K at Monroe Avenue. On Sept. 1, 2019, at 7:30 a.m., a juvenile cougar was observed in the ditch on Old CC just south of Hwy. E. On Sept. 3, 2019, a juvenile cougar was reported in the same location at 5:30 a.m.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, cougars in Wisconsin are individual animals traveling through the area. The Department of Natural Resources claims the nearest established population of cougars is in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

What should you do if you happen to spot a cougar? If you feel threatened, the best idea is to appear large and make as much noise as you can. Open your jacket and extend your arms. If you're walking with a child or small dog, pick them up and hold them. Throw rocks or sticks. Slowly back away but don't run. Running encourages the cougar to chase you. Cougars have been seen in trees in the area so if you're walking or biking in a heavily treed area, it's good to look up occasionally.

Diane Robinson, Wildlife Specialist with the Department of Natural Resources, recommends documenting the sighting with the DNR on www.dnr.wi.gov. Type "cougar" in the search bar and look for the [large mammal observation form](#). The webpage also contains helpful information regarding cougar sightings in Wisconsin.



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Erin Good News Club

Child Evangelism Fellowship of SE Wisconsin is once again offering an exciting, fun-filled weekly club for children in which the Bible is clearly taught with songs, stories, games, prizes and snacks. We meet in the art room at Erin Elementary every Monday when there's school from October 7th, 2019 to April 6th, 2020. It's from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. 4K-5th grade students and area homeschooled children are welcome as well as parents. If you have any questions please call Mary at 262-627-0476.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Our annual Erin Soccer tournament took place Sunday, October 6. Thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers, it wouldn't be a success without you! Watch for an update in the next newsletter with final statistics.

If you have a child interested in playing soccer in spring, watch our website and Facebook page for updates. Registration will open up in February - March. We have teams for children ages 4 through 13. Practices are held one to two times a week at the Erin Town Hall and most games are played on Saturdays. We are a recreational club and part of the Kettle Moraine Soccer League (KMSL). Come join us for Fun, Fitness and Fair Play!

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

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County Highway Board Committee—serving during the time that bought the right of way for Highway 41, serving on the Erin School Board for 19 years and being an Election Worker for the Town of Erin. A.J. also worked for the ASCS (Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service) in Washington County, where he met his wife of 40 years, Marie. A.J. and Marie had three children: Catherine, Patricia and Thomas. All three children built homes on the Cleary homestead. Today the homestead is operated as a cash crop farm by A.J.'s son, Thomas, and his wife Diane.

Our annual membership drive began on July 1, 2019. Memberships are reasonably priced at \$5/Single and \$10/Family. If interested, please contact Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel at (262)670-0975 or E-mail her at SaveStPats@aol.com. Remember all donations to the St. Patrick Preservation Fund are tax deductible. If you have family buried at one of the St. Patrick Cemeteries and would like to tell their story, we would love to hear from you.

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Washington County 4-H

Washington County 4-H is the youth education outreach program of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension. 4-H is based on an experiential learning

model of *do, reflect, apply*. Through project-based learning and youth-adult partnerships, both youth and adults increase life skills and grow as leaders. The Thompson Irish Settlers 4-H club is one of 19 community clubs in Washington County.

The Thompson Irish Settlers meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Erin Town Hall. The club sponsors community services projects including:

- Bi-annual road clean up of Druid Lake Road
- A yearly Easter Egg Hunt accepting donations to the Hartford Food Pantry
- Christmas caroling at retirement homes in Hartford
- Raising funds through a club Christmas auction to buy items for local youth through a giving tree

Youth members choose and participate in countywide or individual projects to construct items or prepare animals to show at the Washington County Fair which takes place the last week in July. A 4-H project is a series of hands-on learning experiences in which youth learn subject matter and life skills.

The Washington County 4-H sponsors summer camp at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells and Lock-Ins at the West Bend YMCA. Wisconsin State 4-H sponsors Art Camps at Upham Woods, Space Camps in Huntsville, Alabama, a Youth Conference at UW-Madison, and trips to New England, Washington DC, and Atlanta.

More information can be found at the Thompson Irish Settler's website: <https://sites.google.com/view/thompsonirishsettlers4-h> The site includes links to the Washington County 4-H website. Contact us by email at: thompsonirishsettlers4h@gmail.com.



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Who are the families of today?

By Wendy Newburg

Families are busy. One or both parents may work outside the home. Parents negotiate several roles and responsibilities to meet the needs of the family. They juggle the responsibilities of work and home, including parenting and all that comes along with that—coaching the Little League team, serving as a Girl Scout leader, carpooling to swimming lessons, dutifully attending every soccer game. Their children are busy participating in all these activities in addition to

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homework and family responsibilities. There doesn't seem to be enough time to accomplish everything. Shared family meals can get abandoned, schedules can become overloaded, and quality time is jeopardized. Oftentimes, families express being stressed!

Parents may believe a strong foundation of faith is critical for themselves and their children, but where can they find the time? -Dr. Kathie Amidei from *Learning Together*.

Instead of splitting the family into separate days of the week, Family Faith Formation meets two Sundays a month with parents and/or caring adult, together with children forming a Family Faith Team. Sessions meet from September 2019-May 2020, beginning with 9:30 a.m. Mass. It includes Fellowship, Speakers/Classroom and Activity ending by 12:30 p.m.

Strengthen your family through the Family Faith Formation Program. Call Wendy at 262.628.3606 ext. 2 or register online at: <http://stmaryhh.org/registration/>

All are welcome!

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Plan Commission - first Monday of each month

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For complete listing, see the website

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