



Newsletter

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NEWS AND REPORTS

Clerk’s Corner by Carrie Bruha, Town Clerk

Help keep everyone safe

As we approach the end of road construction and the beginning of snow season, please remember to be cautious.

Road signs and barricades are there for a reason. Please heed the warnings for the crew’s safety and your own. A number of drivers and bicyclists tried to pass areas closed to through traffic.

Never assume a snowplow driver can see you. Be cautious approaching plow trucks and remain 75 feet away from the back of the plow truck. It is illegal on a single lane road to pass a snow plow, so please don’t. If the plow driver approaches an intersection and stops, the plow driver may be backing up for another pass on the road.

2026 Election Dates:

- Feb. 17—Wisconsin Spring Primary (if needed)
- April 7—Wisconsin Spring Election
- Aug. 11—Partisan Primary Election
- Nov. 3—U. S. Midterm Elections

Check your voter registration status on-line at myvote.wi.gov. If you have moved, please update your driver’s license with the Department of Motor Vehicles prior to registering. You can register in multiple ways:

- Online at myvote.wi.gov.
- By mail until the third Wednesday before an election.
- In the clerk’s office until the Friday before an election at 5 p.m.
- On election day at the polls.

You can also request an absentee ballot from myvote.wi.gov. Absentee ballot requests must be made during the calendar year.

Recycling reminders

The towns of Erin and Hartford have a joint recycling center at 3360 County Hwy K. It is open Thursdays 2 – 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. – noon.

Please visit townofhartfordwi.gov. for more information. An abbreviated list of items accepted is as follows:

Scrap Metals Dumpster

Aluminum

Appliances (Stoves, Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers, water heaters, & softeners ONLY no freon)

Lawn mowers, tillers, Cycles, Snowmobiles

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Barrels/Drums (halved)	Nickel
Brass	Radiators
Bronze	Sheet Metal
Carbide	Stainless Steel
Cast Iron	Silver
Copper	Tanks (open and dry)
Insulated Wire	Tin
Lead	Zinc

Prepare recyclables as follows:

1. Rinse all containers
2. Flatten all containers and cardboard boxes
3. Remove labels if possible
4. Remove caps and lids from containers
5. Newspapers need to be in paper bags
6. Sort glass by color (clear, brown, green etc.)
7. Keep the following separate:
 - Aluminum cans
 - Clean cardboard
 - Colored cardboard
 - Copper wire
 - Christmas lights
 - Milk bottles
 - Misc. plastics (soap, lotions, etc.)
 - Phone books and books with glued spines
 - Tin cans

There is a bin for all metal products listed above.

A&W Iron & Metal, 7588 Otten Lane in Kewaskum will take the following chargeable items:

- Freon Items (Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioning units)
- Tires (Price determined by size)
- Microwaves
- General Household Waste (Couches, concrete, mattresses, dressers)

Direct questions to A&W at 262-338-8487.

Waste oil only can be dropped off at the city of Hartford Recycling Center, 710 W. Sumner St. Hours are Thursday 5 – 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – noon.

For items not accepted at the local recycling center, check with your waste hauler.

Chairman’s Update by Dennis Kenealy

Welcome to fall... or as it's known at the Erin Town Hall, budget season. We are gathering the budget requests which will be reviewed by the board at a budget workshop in September. From there a preliminary budget is reviewed and discussed at our October meeting. A proposed 2026 budget is then

reviewed and sent to the board for approval in November.

We have completed several major projects this year, including road construction, painting the town hall and Veteran's Memorial, and completing major septic and pavilion projects. With those behind us, we hope to settle into a budgetary maintenance schedule for future budgets while concentrating on the occasional large project.

Zoning News and Reminders

by Ken Priesgen, Zoning

The onset of fall brings safety reminders.

Please remember to keep the road in front of your home free of grass and leaves. Grass blown into the road is dangerous for motorcyclists and bicyclists and can easily cause accidents.

Wildlife habits change with the seasons. Please be on the lookout for deer, turkeys and pets while driving, especially during early morning and evening hours.



ATV routes are on the Polaris ride app. As always, please ride respectfully and responsibly and only on the approved roadways. Fall colors provide opportunities for beautiful rides.

I encourage you to enjoy our town park, one of the most beautiful in the county. It's a great place to watch a baseball game, a soccer game or take a leisurely walk to relieve the stress of our crazy world.

As Dennis said in his update, we're in the middle of budget season. We look forward to working with all of you to plan an effective and efficient budget that serves our needs. Costs are rising everywhere, so a slight budget increase is possible. That said, we have taken steps to broaden the services to offset some of those potential increases.

We're getting more questions and concerns regarding residents with pets, chickens or livestock and how many are allowed on certain properties. Please be aware and adhere to the town ordinances. Stephanie in the zoning office is available to answer your questions.

Whether for agricultural purposes, personal enjoyment, or small-scale farming, the town of Erin recognizes and supports the responsible keeping of livestock and poultry. To preserve the rural character of our community while ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of all residents, we offer the following reminder regarding regulations governing livestock and poultry within the town. "Livestock" includes a variety of animals such as horses, cows, pigs, goats, sheep, llamas, ostrich, emu, and fowl.

Each animal counts as part of a "livestock unit" for zoning purposes:

- 1 cow or steer = 1 unit

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- 1 horse = 1 unit
- 2 pigs/hogs = 1 unit
- 2 sheep, goats, or llamas = 1 unit
- 2 ostrich or emu = 1 unit
- 5 fowl = 1 unit

For Parcels of 5 to 35 Acres:

- You may keep up to 24 chickens or 1 livestock unit per 2 acres, whichever is greater.

For Parcels Smaller Than 5 Acres:

- Livestock (other than chickens) is not allowed. Roosters are not allowed.
- Chickens are allowed based on parcel size:
 - ◊ Less than 2 acres: Up to 6 chickens
 - ◊ 2 to less than 3 acres: Up to 12 chickens
 - ◊ 3 to less than 5 acres: Up to 24 chickens

To ensure safety and health, chickens must be kept in a covered, predator-proof coop or fenced enclosure at all times and only one coop is allowed per lot. Coops 80 square feet or smaller do not count against your total number of accessory buildings. Feed must be stored indoors or in a sealed container. If you stop keeping chickens, coops and enclosures must be removed within

three months.

- Coops and chicken runs must be:
 - ◊ at least 25 feet from property lines
 - ◊ at least 50 feet from neighbors' dwellings
 - ◊ not located in front yards



Erin supports responsible livestock and poultry keeping as a part of our rural heritage and community life. By following these simple guidelines, we can all help maintain the charm, safety, and serenity that makes Erin such a special place to live. If you have any questions or need help determining your livestock unit limits, contact the Zoning Clerk for guidance.

Emergency Management/ Enforcement

Officer by Bradley
Bautz, Director

Fire Prevention Week is
Oct. 5-11. There are many
tips available at

www.NFPA.org/FPW. Feel free to call your specific fire
department, either Ashippun, Hartford, or Richfield, if you have

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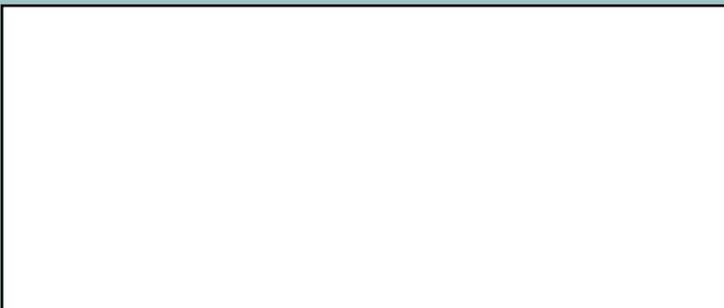
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safety questions. Each of the departments will have in-person events.

As far as fire/EMS service goes in the town, the entire town is covered by Paramedic-level EMS by both Hartford and Richfield. Ashippun provides first responders in their fire area, and Hartford provides the transporting ambulance.

Last year, we secured another intermunicipal agreement with Hartford, and now our yearly cost only goes up by CPI-U. I am also working on renewing a Fire/EMS fire contract Richfield, as the current one expires at year end. 2026 is year three of a three-year contract with Ashippun.

I also continue to engage with community partners to update our emergency plan. I am waiting for guidance from the state for the model they want for smaller municipalities.

Also, if you are out cleaning the yard, please make sure your driveway has enough clearance for an ambulance or fire truck to get up to your house. Low hanging branches can damage their equipment.

If your address sign gets damaged, or needs replacement as it is either faded or no longer reflective, contact the town. Replacements are free. This is to ensure they stay up and help emergency responders for years to come. There is a portion of signs in the northwest area of the town that are slated to be ordered yet this year, and will be replaced as time is available.

In ordinance enforcement, there have been several zoning complaints, hopefully in the process of being resolved, and several animal-related complaints.

Please follow the burning ordinance. We had several complaints last year involving burning. 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 12 miles per hour. Violations can result in a citation. The rules for burning are set forth below as found in Chapter 168 of the town code.

- 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 (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 more than a quarter acre of grass is burned.

- 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.

Have a safe and happy fall.

Erin Park by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

Wow, it has been a crazy, busy time at Erin Go Bragh Park the last three months with soccer, baseball, disc golf and private parties.

On June 7, we dedicated our new Erin Rangers Baseball Pavilion. The dedication included Father Jude Peters of Holy Hill blessing this new, incredible facility and the renovated baseball fields. In August, the town hall was painted and looks fantastic—no more lime green on the west side of the building—thank you Jim Burg Painting.

Thanks to our Park Manager, Brian Schaefer, for finding a spectacular deal on a hardly-used Gator, we had enough money in our budget to have our Veterans' Memorial railings cleaned, sanded and painted this year as well—thank you Bill Weber Painting. In addition, after three years of waiting, our decorative Erin sign should be reinstalled by the time you are reading this newsletter—thank you Dan Mueller of D.J. Mueller, Inc.



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Erin School News



Meet Our New Staff:

Mrs. Amanda Christopherson - Special Education Teacher/ Interventionist



Amanda joins our team with 10 years of special education experience. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a dual major in Elementary Education and Special Education.

When not at school, she enjoys reading, checking out thrift stores and artisan malls/fairs, attending concerts, and anything outside with her family.

Ms. Hayley Doran - School Psychologist



This is Hayley's first school psychologist position. She completed her Bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and completed her Master's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Outside of school, Hayley enjoys spending time with friends and family, and loves to cheer on the Milwaukee Bucks.

Mr. Jacob Lewis - Middle School Social Studies



This is Jacob's first official teaching position as he steps into our MS Social Studies position. Jacob, who graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, is a huge Wisconsin sports fan, and is training for his next half-marathon.

Mrs. Jessie Schultz - Daycare teacher



Jessie joins our team as one of our daycare teachers. She has four children, three of whom attend Erin School and a soon-to-be 2-year-old. Jessie operated an in-home daycare for some time and is excited to join our team.



This year, we are going to UNLEASH our Superpowers and Train like HEROES. We will Learn to Lead and Lead to Learn. Staff has already begun to use this theme to engage our youngest students in thinking about their personal super powers and those they want to ex-



pand. Our older students are focusing on the powers of learning and leadership. This theme was intentional as we continue to find ways to help ALL students gain life skills that will support their academic growth and overall well-being.

We are still striving for 1% better each day. As usual, Mr. Mueller and our Theme TEAM will have a school song and dance to help us celebrate our accomplishments.

THE PARENT SURVEY SAID....

We are always looking for ways to improve our educational experience and form stronger partnerships with our parents. As part of a greater facility and school improvement plan, Erin School conducted a confidential family survey with School Perceptions, an independent educational research firm. We are proud of our results.

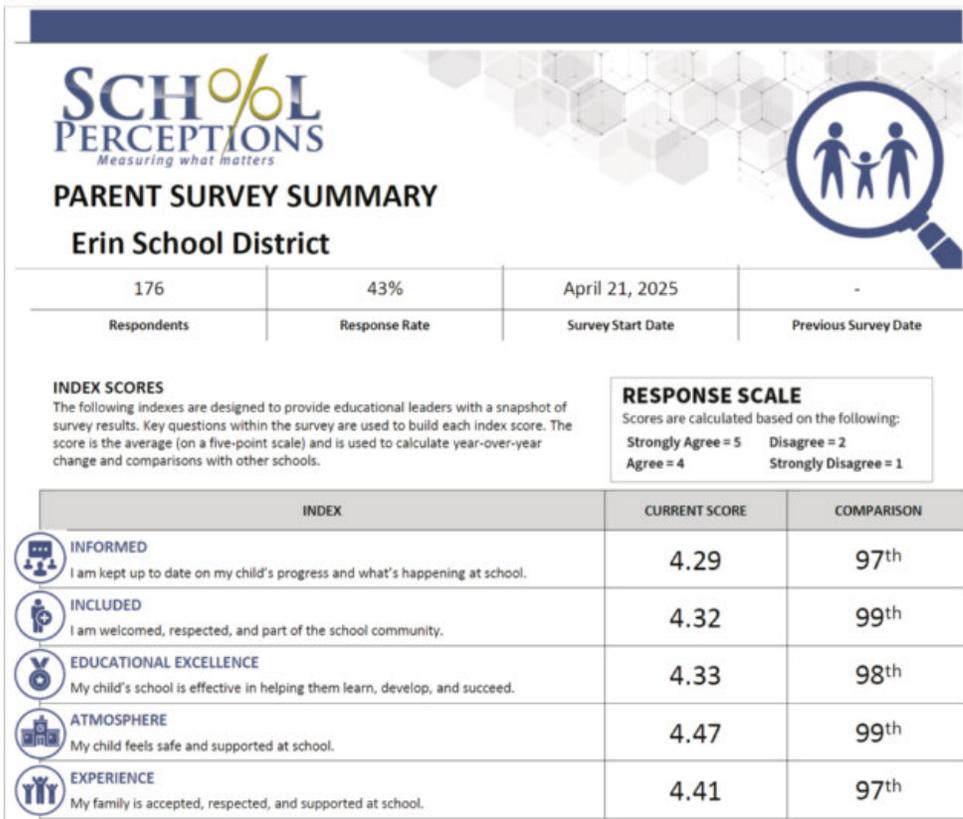
- Erin School District is **setting the curve for overall parent satisfaction**, with a 9.03 out of 10.00. This is the highest score among our comparable districts, which have an average score of 7.61. Nearly 60% of parents gave us a perfect 10, meaning they are extremely likely to recommend our district to other parents.
- The District sets the curve on 10 individual items, including:
 - a. "My child feels safe at school."
 - b. "I feel welcome in my child's school."
 - c. "The District is heading in the right direction."
 - d. "District administration is doing what it takes to make our district successful."
 - e. "The school board is doing what it takes to make our district successful."
 - f. "I am updated on how my child is doing at school."
- While we're extremely pleased with our high scores, we know there's always room for improvement. This includes the two lowest scores we received: *parents have opportunities to provide feedback and student discipline (both still ranking higher than many comparable districts)*
- We asked parents if they would support additional funding for school improvements. Nearly 80% of resident parents gave us the go-ahead to explore a potential capital referendum.

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payers. To keep all feedback confidential, survey responses are collected by an independent education research firm.

TWO WAYS TO TAKE THIS SURVEY

Online: (Saves postage expense)
Go to:
www.SPFeedback.com
Enter your code:



This QR code will be live October 6th.

Paper: Return to the school office or mail it to School Perceptions, PO Box 607, Slinger, WI 53086.

The survey code can be used only once. To obtain additional surveys for other adults in your household, please call the District Office at 262-673-3720.

Survey deadline: October 27, 2025

If you need additional support to complete this survey, please contact the District Office. Survey results will be reported at a board meeting and available on our website.

Next Steps:

Over the summer, our leadership team and our school board met with School Perceptions to identify needs. Our goal is to ensure Erin School can maintain our facilities while continuing our academic excellence. This resulted in a community survey that will be sent to all district residents in early October. Please reach out to Mrs. Kalina at 262-673-3720 with any questions.

Community survey preview. We welcome your questions and value your response. Please watch for a survey in your mailbox in early October.

Dear Families and Community Members:

The Erin School District needs your input on a plan that would update our school. Potential projects include improving safety and security at the main entrance, fixing the building's foundation, expanding/repairing the parking lot, creating classroom spaces, and adding storage.

To pay for these types of projects, school districts ask voters for additional funding through a capital referendum. *In fact, nearly 99% of Wisconsin school districts have pursued a capital referendum. Erin is one of four districts (out of 421 total) in Wisconsin that has not.* We have been able to cover facility work through our annual budget, including replacing the well that recently failed, repairing roof sections, repairing the septic system, updating the HVAC system/boilers, and remodeling kindergarten through third-grade classrooms.

Before we finalize this plan, we need feedback from our tax-

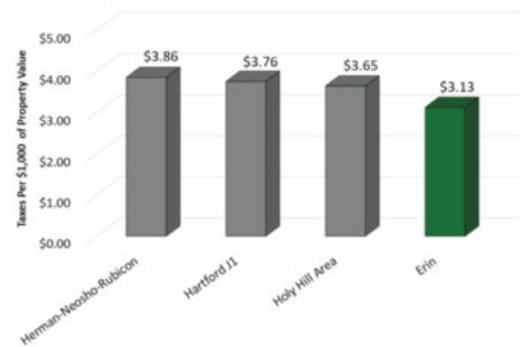
We are committed to keeping Erin a school of choice for families in our region. At the same time, we recognize the financial constraints our community faces. We do not take the decision to study a referendum lightly. *We sincerely thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.*

Financial Background

In our area, students attend two different school districts. Erin serves students from pre-kindergarten through grade 8. Hartford Union serves grades 9 through 12. Each district operates independently and has its own school board and taxing authority. As a result, Erin will not receive any money from the Hartford referendum ap-

Joannie Kalina District Administrator	Terry Klubertand Board President
Steve Yoder Board Vice President	Bridget Hubing Board Treasurer
Bill Holz Board Clerk	Frank Alvarez Board Member

Property Tax Mill Rates
Hartford Union Feeder Districts (2024-25)



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proved last year.

Erin's property tax mill rate (which is used to calculate our district's share of local property taxes) has declined by 42% since 2018. In addition, Erin has the lowest rate of the four districts that feed into Hartford Union High School.

We value your comments and suggestions and strongly encourage you to participate in this important survey. Together, we will continue to shape the future of our school.

Job hunting?

Are you 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.

A Three-Year Short-Term Substitute license may be issued to an applicant who holds a degree from an accredited college or university and 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. Erin School wants to add you to its sub-list.

We also need substitute paraprofessionals, kitchen and maintenance help. These positions do not require a sub-license.

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact Mrs. Kalina at 262-673-3720 ext. 5000 to schedule a 30-minute meeting to learn about Erin School, the requirements of the job, the training program, and how to apply for a license.

Do you like to drive?

We are also looking for substitute bus drivers. If you are interested, please call Riteway at 262-644-5016.



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, as well as homeless children. If you have concerns regarding your child, please contact the school at 262-673-3720.

Stay in the loop

Please watch our website at www.erinschool.org and Instagram at erinschool_frank. Check us out on Facebook to keep up on things happening at Erin School.

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SCHOOL/COMMUNITY NEWS

Hartford Union High School by Laura Trapp,
Director of Communications and Dr. Stacy Gahan, Superintendent

Learning Without Limits at Hartford Union High School
Hartford Union High School has much to celebrate this year. Our Advanced Placement scores have risen by 17% since 2023, and we're proud to share that two HUHS students earned perfect ACT scores last year. On top of that, HUHS has shown steady growth, improving 6.6 points on the DPI Report Card over the past three years.



From left to right: Dr. Stacy Gahan, Superintendent, Hailey Tomes, Caitlyn Fehrman, Ms. Tracy Hennes, School Board President

We're also thrilled to be home to a SkillsUSA National Champion, a true testament to the dedication and talent of our students. These accomplishments highlight HUHS's commitment to honoring the skills, talents, and abilities of all our students—whether in academics, the arts, technical education, or other pathways.

In addition to the numbers, our students and staff continue to shine in extraordinary ways. This summer, science teacher Jamie Lauer was one of only 15 teachers across eight states chosen for the prestigious Lake Guardian Shipboard Fellowship. From July 7–13, she lived and worked aboard the Lake Guardian research vessel on Lake Michigan, conducting hands-on studies with sonar, water quality testing, and aquatic ecosystems all while contributing to the first-ever underwater archaeology study of ancient civilizations in Lake Michigan. Jamie is excited to bring this real-world science back into her classroom, sharing her experiences and weaving the new knowledge she gained into her curriculum to inspire students in the year ahead.



Ms. Jamie Lauer aboard the Lake Guardian research vessel.

Meanwhile, HUHS students, along with the Kettle Moraine Youth Aviation Club, took their skills to the skies, building a plane and flying it to EAA AirVenture 2025 in Oshkosh—the world's largest aviation cele-



Zach & Quinn Lobert flying the student-built RV-12 aircraft built by members of the Kettle Moraine Youth Aviation Club to the EAA in Oshkosh in July.

bration. The aircraft was proudly displayed in the Teen Home-built section, while our students presented their work, connected with aviation leaders, and experienced an event that truly showcased how high HUHS students can soar.

These achievements and experiences reflect the continued excellence happening at HUHS—not just in academics, but in the countless opportunities our students and staff pursue every day. From rising AP and ACT scores to national championships, real-world science research, and aviation projects that take learning to new heights, HUHS is a place where talent is nurtured, curiosity is celebrated, and students are empowered to explore their passions beyond the classroom.

Erin Youth Baseball Club by Andy Bath

Gratitude and Accomplishment: Erin Baseball's Remarkable Year



There are countless reasons for Erin Baseball and our families to feel grateful this year. From the completion of the new pavilion and T-ball field to a safe and enjoyable season for our players, and the incredible support of the community that helped bring our vision to life—we've had a year to remember.



Raising hundreds of thousands of dollars and coordinating construction projects of this scale were no small feats. However, our club was determined to make the vision of Erin resident Gene Eggert, owner of Architectural Designs Inc., a reality. Gene's one-of-a-kind, clover-shaped design beautifully reflects the spirit of Erin. He was a steadfast advocate for the project, attending town meetings, overseeing inspections, and supporting the effort every step of the way. Early on, Gene shared with us that if this building ever came to fruition, it would be the perfect capstone to his career. Gene, we did it together.



Club member Matt Bouges, owner of MJ Gunsmithing, had a vision of creating a special place for our younger players. Together with his father, John Bouges—owner of Terrace 167 and Loggers Park—they sprang into action to help raise the funds needed for the new T-ball/coach-pitch field. Remarkably, the field was completed in less than a week and is now a hub of activity, frequently used by our teams and children visiting the park. John also generously donated commercial-grade appliances from Log-

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gers Park, transforming our concession area into a more efficient space for our volunteers.

For the fourth consecutive year, our club has seen growth in the number of players. Our mission remains clear: to provide a safe and fun environment for our families, and this summer, the park truly became the place to be. Mission accomplished. We also hosted several tournaments, attracting teams from miles away. Each team left with positive feedback about our facilities and the local restaurants, and they've all said they will return next year—something we're extremely proud of.

We often remind our players that life will present challenges and that success comes from developing a plan and executing it. The facility upgrades we undertook were full of obstacles that required dedication and perseverance. Most of us involved would agree that completing these projects was one of the most challenging and rewarding achievements we've had so far. As our kids grow older and gain a deeper appreciation of what we've accomplished, we hope they find inspiration in these projects, using them as motivation to overcome their own challenges.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the many businesses and individuals who supported these projects—and hopefully will continue to do so. Our donor wall, located on the East

exterior of the pavilion, honors many of these supporters, though the list extends far beyond the display. The remaining tiles will be installed next spring, and there are still about eight spots available for purchase. The future is bright for Erin Baseball and our community. We encourage you to stop by next year.



Erin Youth Baseball Club Contact Information:
Website: www.erinrangers.com
Email: erinrangersbaseball@gmail.com
Facebook: [erinbaseball](https://www.facebook.com/erinbaseball)

Erin Soccer by Nicole Gaynor, Secretary



Soccer has returned to Erin Go Bragh Park for the fall season. The Erin Soccer Club has more than 100 kids registered this season, and it's great to see everyone on the fields again.

Would you or someone you know like to become a referee? This is a great opportunity for people ages 12 and up to make a little extra money while supporting our hard-working athletes. Training is available. Most games are Saturday mornings and run through September and October. Please contact the club for more information.

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Erin's Annual Leah Fenney Tournament is Sunday, Oct. 5. We will welcome about 100 teams from the Kettle Moraine Soccer League for a day filled with fun, laughter, and community. If you are interested in volunteering or donating in support of the tournament, please contact us.

If your child is interested in playing soccer, we are accepting mid-season registrations (subject to team availability). Contact the club for information on how to register. We have teams for children ages 4 through 13. Practices are held one to two times a week at Erin Go Bragh Park next to the Erin Town Hall. We are a recreational club and part of the Kettle Moraine Soccer League (KMSL). Join us for fun, fitness, and fair play. Follow us on our Facebook page or check our website to stay up to date on club happenings.

Erin Soccer Club Contact Information:

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

Erin Hills

by John Morrisett



Erin Hills Golf Shop Sale Oct. 25

On the same day it hosts the Erin School Fun Run fundraiser, Erin Hills is having its end-of-season Golf Shop sale.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, the Golf Shop will be open to the public from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

There will be a wide variety of merchandise available with items marked up to 70% off. Take advantage of the sale for holiday shopping or to get a head start on your 2026 golf wardrobe.



Washington County Humane Society

by Joe Poczalski; Photos by Jessica Pillsbury

One Foot Forward

In just the past few months, several pets have received life-saving care made available by our Emergency Animal Medical Fund.

Their resilience and recovery are nothing short of inspiring. Get to know Lilo, one such pet who surprised us at every turn.

Lilo

WCHS works closely with the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) to transfer pets off-site to expedite pet adoption. MADACC is often at or over capacity, so freeing up space for new strays and



surrenders is one way WCHS can assist. Lilo, a 7-year-old female Shih Tzu, was transferred to WCHS in questionable condition. On arrival, her body temperature was low and she could hardly stand.



Lilo was immediately transported to WVRC, an emergency clinic in Grafton. After a closer look, it was discovered that she had a tear in her bladder which was allowing urine to accumulate in her abdomen – a very dangerous and deadly situation. Vets recommended that she quickly transfer to a different clinic for emergency surgery. On the way there, her vet team was worried that she wouldn't make it. Lilo underwent several procedures and, miraculously, survived them all.

After a couple days in clinic care, Lilo was transferred back to WCHS for recovery. She was wearing a cone and had two catheters placed to keep her abdomen clear. Though she was very restricted, her sweet and affectionate personality began to shine through. Everyone was rooting for her.

After a brief stay in a foster home, Lilo returned for her eventual adoption. WCHS staff enjoyed every moment of her company after recovery. Lilo found a doting family in August and was whisked off to her happy ending.

To support stories like this, consider strengthening our Emergency Animal Medical Fund with a donation. Visit wchspets.org to give.

Jack Russell Memorial Library

The Jack Russell Memorial Library is at 100 Park Ave. in downtown Hartford. Free library cards are issued to Erin residents by providing a photo ID and current address. Children ages 5 through 8th grade may obtain a card with parental approval.

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

Check out our new website at <https://hartfordlibrary.org/> The updated website is phone friendly. If you have the older version of the website it may have aspx at the end. Please delete that site and load the new one.

We have Roku devices. Tired of not being able to watch a show because you don't have that streaming service? Well now you don't have to pay. We now carry Rokus that are programmed with different streaming services like Netflix, Paramount, and Peacock to name a few. Check out our Rokus here: <https://hartfordlibrary.org/howdoi/library-of-things.html>

As always, we have our Adventure Passes: East Troy Railroad Museum, Fond du Lac Children's Museum, Green Bay Packer

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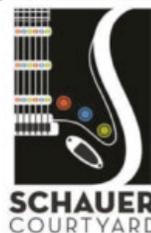
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Hall of Fame Museum, Maritime Museum, International Crane Foundation. Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Mitchell Park Domes, Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, Harley-Davidson Museum, Kettle Moraine YMCA and the Milwaukee County Zoo. Passes are available for a three-day checkout period and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. We are unable to place holds or accept advance reservations. Passes must be returned to the circulation desk, inside the library, due to the value of passes. For each attraction, the library has passes available for checkout with a limit of one pass per household at a time. The library encourages those interested to call ahead for availability or visit <https://hartfordlibrary.org/howdoi/passes.html> and click on "check availability" for the pass you want to borrow.

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Future projects that will be discussed during our budgeting process will be upgrading at least one of the town's lawn mowers, continued weed prevention on our baseball and soccer fields, an iron filtration system so our toilets and sinks in the town hall and baseball pavilion aren't permanently stained orange, repainting the town shed in the next year or two, and thinking about working collaboratively with the baseball and soccer clubs on new playground equipment.

Schauer Arts Center by Donna Dienhart, Marketing Director



Celebrating 25 Years at the Schauer Arts Center

Celebrating 25 Seasons of the Performing Arts

As we proudly mark our 25th Anniversary Performing Arts Season, there's no better time to immerse yourself in the joy and excitement of live performance. This milestone year features a vibrant lineup of captivating musicals, toe-tapping music, side-splitting comedy, jaw-dropping magic, and much more.

Whether you're a long-time supporter or attending your first show, there's truly something for everyone. And with new shows being added regularly, be sure to check our website at schauer-center.org for the latest updates and ticket information.

Fall Classes at the Schauer School of the Arts

The Schauer School of the Arts has kicked off its fall session! We're offering an exciting mix of classes for children and adults in dance, visual arts, and theater, as well as adult classes in dance and visual arts. View the full brochure on our website and register soon—classes are filling quickly.

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Join Us This Season

With the beginning of fall, there's no shortage of ways to engage, celebrate and create at the Schauer Arts Center. From unforgettable performances to inspiring arts education, our 25th Anniversary Season is one to remember.

Don't miss a moment—explore the schedule, grab your tickets, and sign up for classes today. We can't wait to welcome you.

2025-26 Performing Arts Season Schedule

- **Defying Gravity: The Broadway/Hollywood Songbook**
Friday, Sept. 26, 2025 | 7 p.m.
- **Amy Bruni: Walking With Ghosts**
Friday, Oct. 10, 2025 | 7 p.m.
- **I Am, He Said: A Celebration of the Music of Neil Diamond**
Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025 | 7 p.m.
- **ABBA-Mania: A Tribute to ABBA**
Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025 | 3 p.m.
- **Disenchanted! The Hit Musical Comedy**
Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025 | 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **United States Navy Band Commodores Jazz Ensemble**
Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025 | 1 p.m. | FREE TICKETED EVENT
- **Bill Blagg Family Magic**
Friday, Nov. 21, 2025 | 7 p.m.
- **An Evening with Kathy Mattea**
Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025 | 7 p.m.
- **Land of Sweets & Irish Performance Troupe**
Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025 | 2 p.m.
- **Celtic Angels Christmas**
Monday, Dec. 8, 2025 | 7 p.m.
- **JUMP—America's Van Halen Experience**
Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025 | 7 p.m.
- **Who Brought the Humbug?**
Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 | 7 p.m.
- **Cherish the Ladies: Celtic Christmas**
Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025 | 7 p.m.
- **A Carpenters' Christmas**
Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025 | 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- **Finding Nemo JR.: Schauer Rising Stars Productions**
Friday, Jan. 23, 2026 | 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026 | 2 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026 | 2 p.m.
- **I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change**
Friday, Jan. 30, 2026 | 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026 | 2 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026 | 2 p.m.
- **The Lovin' Spoonful**
Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **Are You Ready For It? A Taylor Experience**
Friday, Feb. 6, 2026 | 7 p.m.

- **Letters From Home**
Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **The King's Singers**
Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **Buckets N Boards: Comedy Percussion Show**
Friday, Feb. 20, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **BritBeat: The Immersive Beatles Tribute Experience**
Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **Dino-Light: A Glow in the Dark Adventure**
Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026 | 3 p.m.
- **The Barricade Boys Broadway Party**
Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **The Jungle Book: Missoula Children's Theatre**
Friday, March 6, 2026 | 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 7, 2026 | 2 p.m.
- **Ladysmith Black Mambazo**
Sunday, March 15, 2026 | 3 p.m.
- **The 3 Redneck Tenors: A Musical Adventure**
Thursday, March 19, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **One Night in Memphis**
Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **Don't Stop Me Now: A Celebration of Rock Musicals**
Thursday, March 26, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **CelloVoci: Vocal and Cello Trio**
Friday, March 27, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **Heartache Tonight: A Tribute to the Eagles**
Saturday, April 4, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **An Evening with C.S. Lewis: Starring Gregory Williams Welsh**
Friday, April 17, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **The Great DuBois: Masters of Variety**
Saturday, April 18, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **The Glenn Miller Orchestra**
Thursday, April 30, 2026 | 7 p.m.
- **The Electric Light Orchestra Experience featuring Evil Woman**
Friday, May 1, 2026 | 7 p.m.



COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Patrick Preservation by Maureen Fitzsimons-Vanden Heuvel

We are excited to finally announce that soon our prayers may be answered. We are very close to our dream of saving St. Patrick's for future generations. We hope to celebrate 170 years of St. Patrick's Irish history before the end of the year when the purchase is finalized and St. Patrick's can be reopened.

We invite everyone to share in this new chapter for our historic landmark. Please join us as we plan for the expense of much needed maintenance issues, renovation plans, and landscaping. St. Patrick's needs your time, talent, and treasure. We need that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

St. Patrick's has been a big part of our lives. Our family histories intertwined, including weddings, Baptisms, First Communion, Easter Mass and Christmas carols are all treasured lifetime memories. We have arranged for a professional wedding planner so we will be ready to assist the next generation of weddings at St. Patrick's. We already have at least one wedding scheduled. As you know, St. Patrick's is no longer a functioning Catholic parish church; however, weddings of any denomination can be celebrated there. We are honored that St. Patrick's Chapel will continue to serve the community, our rich Irish tradition, and be a place for prayer and faith. We are also planning a number of events and fundraising activities to generate additional income.

We, of course, need financial donations. But we also need donations of wood to heat the church and former rectory with a new boiler system, volunteer cleaning staff, painters, plumbers, electricians, and carpenters to help with the much-needed renovations of the St. Patrick's Chapel and event venue to generate much-needed income. I'm sure you have noticed landscaping improvements, and we hope for a garden with flowers.



Any financial donation is most welcome and tax deductible. Your time and talent are also welcomed, so please reach out to us at: www.savestpatrick.com or email us at savestpats@aol.com -- become a member, volunteer your unique service or talent and be a part of this miracle after more than 25 years of prayers and waiting—FINALLY A RAINBOW!

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St. Mary of the Hill Parish

1515 Carmel Rd. Hubertus



We have much to be grateful for at St. Mary of the Hill. Construction on our new church is ahead of schedule. The progress is spectacular. Come and see for yourself. We are at 1515 Carmel Road in Hubertus at the base of Holy Hill. The parish office phone is (262) 673-7505.

Stop by the Knights of Columbus grill on your way to see the awesome fall colors at the Hill. Enjoy tasty food at reasonable prices during weekends in October from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Oct. 4/5 and Oct. 25/26) and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Oct. 11/12 and Oct. 18/19).

Bring Fido and Fluffy for the Feast of St. Francis pet blessing at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2. We will meet at the picnic pavilion across from the gravel lot.

First Saturday devotion is 25 minutes prior to the 4 p.m. Mass. Arrive early to pray the rosary on Oct. 4.

Oct. 4 and 5 is a food drive weekend. Please see the bulletin for items most in need. Thank you for your help.

St Dymphna mental health and spiritual group meets Monday, Oct. 6, at 1 p.m. at Holy Hill and Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary of the Hill. The group is for those with mental illness and addictions.

Knights of Columbus meets Oct. 7 and Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Holy Hill Cafe back room.

Young adult group is for ages 18-35. Stay for a social gathering after the Oct. 8 candlelight procession.

Firey Heart of Elijah men's group is Oct. 11 and always the second Saturday of the month. Mass is at 6 a.m. at Holy Hill, rosary and opportunity for Confession follows. At 7 a.m. the cafe opens where breakfast may be purchased. Enjoy a presentation in the cafe's back room.

Anchored in Hope is this year's Faith Formation theme. On Oct. 12, attend Faith Formation classes. Ann Hayden's Lifelong Learning presentation is 'Preparing for the Relics of St. Therese. Oct. 19 is youth Mass and a family activity. Oct. 26 attend Faith Formation classes. Maria Notch is the Lifelong Learning speaker.

Frassati Youth Group for students in grades 6-12 meets Oct. 18 from 5-8 p.m. for the annual Fall Bonfire. Bring a friend.

Feed the hungry through participation in the All Saints' meal program. In one month, our parishioners helped to provide 630 healthy meals. Please contact the parish if you can help on Oct. 23. Leave the parish at 3:15, prepare and serve meals, return about three hours later.

A blood drive will be held Monday, Nov. 3, from noon-5 p.m. All

who are able are invited to donate.

Faithful are invited to venerate the first-class relics of St. Therese of Lisieux at Holy Hill Nov. 15-18. St. Mary of the Hill will have no 7 a.m. Mass that weekend.

Due to construction progress, we will not have Adoration or Mass on Wednesday, Oct. 1. Adoration on Oct. 15 will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. with no Mass that evening.

Are you or someone you know homebound? St. Mary of the Hill has a vibrant ministry able to bring you the Eucharist and schedule Confession and, if interested, visits. Please call the office for details.

St. Mary of the Hill thanks all who attended this year's Antique and Flea Market in July. Despite the rain, it was a great success with your support.

Eucharistic Adoration occurs Wednesdays 9 a.m. until Benediction and Mass at 6 p.m. On Oct. 8, a candlelight rosary procession follows the 6 p.m. Mass.

Weekend Mass schedule at St. Mary of the Hill is Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 7 and 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ—Erin

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Upcoming Events

St. Paul's supports a variety of community missions, including area veterans, food pantries, and back-to-school supplies for Family Promise of Washington County, among others. Also, a new building fund has been created to secure our future. Come see what the excitement is about at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Colgate.

Do you have a pet you want blessed? Everyone is invited to our *Blessing of The Animals* on Oct. 12 at our 9:30 a.m. worship service. God Is Still Speaking is a belief held by the United Church of Christ. On Nov. 2, St. Paul's will be 185 years old. Yes, WE ARE STILL HERE. Why not attend our anniversary festivities and learn more about our history. Did you know we existed before Wisconsin was a state?

The 34th Annual CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK is Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. until sold out. Fill your box from our huge selection of beautiful Christmas cookies @ \$10 per pound. Gloves and boxes are provided. Come early; they go quickly. Wait inside in warm comfort, chat with a friend or neighbor, and shop the silent auction, offering intriguing holiday gift ideas.



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A Blue Christmas service will be held in December. If there is someone or something you especially miss at Christmas, come and join others who find this a difficult season. Watch for details on our website.

CHRISTMAS EVE services will celebrate the birth of baby Jesus in a manger long ago in Bethlehem. The time of this service has not been determined.

St. Paul's Mission Maniac Sunday school

Everyone is invited. We meet every other Sunday starting Sept. 7 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We have two classrooms based on age. Our teachers dive into the teachings of Jesus and then put those lessons to work by doing mission work! We would love to have your kids join the fun.

Notice to Town of Erin Veterans

If you or anyone you know want a name enrolled on the Erin Veterans' Memorial Monument, please contact one of the committee members: Patrick Hansen, 262-966-0837; Jeffrey Millikin, 262-673-3682; Franklin Tennes, 262-673-2723; or Michael Eggleston, 414-651-0875.

To be eligible, you must be a resident or former resident of the Town of Erin and have a copy of DD-214, Honorable Discharge, or deployment orders by the federal government documenting your military history.



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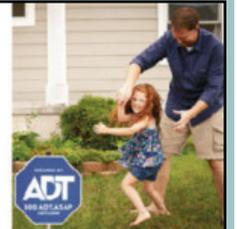


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