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Today's Program

Martin Obsuzt: Martin Quarters "Riverkings Update"

Feb 27	Brian Oswall - Eric Siler: LHS Technology & Engineering Career Pathways
Mar 5	Avenues of Service
Mar 12	Tom Paul
Mar 19	Jim Riebe
Mar 26	Larry Schmick
April 2	Tom Schneider
April 9	Avenues of Service
April 16	Fred Stich
April 23	Dean Veneman
April 30	Deanna Willems

Rotary News

- We welcomed our youth Rotars Derek Coates and Claire Freeh.
- Kwik-Trip orders coming, February is double cash-back
- Fundraiser posters are now available, spread them around the community
- The list of suggested fundraiser sponsors and contacts are in the following link [Link to Sponsor List](#)
- February 25th is a spaghetti fundraiser for the Outdoor Learning Center
- February 20th is our Neighborhood Table night
- Joe Terry is looking for entertainment for a Public Works state-wide conference at the Hotel Mead, budget is \$1,500

Save the Date:

April 17th Fundraiser at the Ridges. We will be celebrating our 25th year as a club! The entertainment will be from Erin Krebs, she was awarded the Wisconsin Female Vocalist of the Year for 2019!

Cost is \$60 per person with tables for 8 for \$400. Please share the Facebook Event



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TBD

100th Anniversary of the Dorothy Alexander Auditorium at JEHS

Derek Coates, Molly McCarthy and Megan Shields joined Sunrise Rotary on Thursday to discuss the plans for the upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Dorothy Alexander Auditorium and All-Class Reunion at John Edwards High School. Derek, Molly and Megan are Seniors this year at JEHS and part of the Current Issues Class taught by Mr. Tim Miller that has taken on the project of planning for the celebration to take place on June 12th and 13th. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the existence of the Dorothy Alexander Auditorium at JEHS. The auditorium is the oldest part of the school structure and at one time was a venue for Vaudeville acts that traveled through the area. Numerous school plays, musical performances and athletic contests have taken place in the facility over the past 100 years. The existence of the school in Port Edwards though is traced back even further in time and is said to have started because of a love story. Here is a brief history of the school and auditorium:



For the PESD website: A Brief History Lesson As you may know, our school was built upon a love story. John Edwards Jr. fell in love with Frances J. Morrill, a local school teacher, and wooed her by building her a school. The original Port Edwards school was located by LaVigne and Washington Avenue. The location moved in 1878 to where it is today, but without the additional add-ons of the gym, cafeteria, middle school wing, auditorium, etc. The Grand Opening of the Port Edwards Community Auditorium, now known as the Dorothy M. Alexander Auditorium, was in June 1920. The auditorium had the ability to house the entire adult population and some kids of the village which at the time was near 1,000 people. A 3 day celebration for its opening was held and included a school pageant, 8th grade graduation (since there was no high school yet), and a community dance. During the community dance, the village orchestra performed from the upper balcony and the community members danced and socialized the night away. Supper was served in the School Hall from 10:30pm until midnight. A few months later, in August of 1920, the first play opened at the auditorium and quickly sold out. The auditorium had become not only a place for entertainment, but a place for community members to gather, share stories, and strengthen relationships. It was later named after Dorothy M. Dean Alexander, a relative of John Edwards Jr., for all she did for the children in our community.

You 're invited to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Dorothy M. Alexander Auditorium!

ALL CLASS REUNION What: A social gathering When: Friday, June 12, 2020 Time: 5 - 9pm Where: Dorothy M. Alexander Auditorium Who: All JEHS alumni

COMMUNITY-WIDE CELEBRATION What: All-day celebration When: Saturday, June 13, 2020 Time: 10am - 3pm Where: John Edwards High School Who: Any past or current residents of the community

To celebrate this historic, 100th Anniversary of the auditorium, the 2019-2020 Current Issues class will be hosting a JEHS "All Class Reunion" on June 12, 2020 and a "Community-wide Celebration" on June 13, 2020. Our goal is to keep the feeling of love and sense of community alive in Port Edwards. We'd like to invite JEHS graduates to return to their former community, relive their high school years, and celebrate all the changes and successes since their high school graduation. Community members are invited to join the celebration on Saturday as the auditorium is a staple of our community. Celebration Activities Friday: "Alumni" night includes a social gathering with "school lunches" served for dinner. Socialize with your classmates, meet your alumni community, and reminisce about the "good ole days". Saturday: A community-wide celebration including: historical tours of JEHS, a live concert from a local band, history presentations, story-telling of experiences and events that graduate's and community members cherish, and many more exciting activities, with more information to come!