

THE DEPOT DISPATCH

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2018 Calendar of Events

WATCH FOR UPDATES IN THE STAR-NEWS.

Depot Museum Opens Last Sunday in May	5/27/18
Through Sunday September 30	
Brat Fry at the Shoe Box Saturday's	6/3 & 9/8
Depot to Depot Run/Walk (26 th Annual)	8/11/18

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President Paul Skalet
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Term Expires 2019

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Annual Dues

Personal \$10.00

Family \$20.00

Business/Patron \$35.00

If you have email please let us send you the Depot Dispatch electronically. Thanks.

For those who itemize taxes, the Black Earth Historical Society is a not-for-profit, sec. 501(c) (3) corporation.

President's Message

Spring?

As noted in this edition of The Depot Dispatch, we have a number of interesting projects "In The Works": for this year. As we approach these projects, we look to your continued support of memberships and additional gifts. Please, also consider volunteering your time and talents for the Society.

Our Depot Museum will be opening May 27, 2018, and will be open every Sunday, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. through the last Sunday in September. We had Bill Rettenmund's heritage farm display attraction the past couple years and will have it again. Many Thanks Bill!!! Stop in and bring your friends and neighbors.

We will be open on April 20 & 21, 2018, at the Depot for the Village Wide Garage Sale. Stop in and buy-buy-buy from the treasures we will have for sale.

Paul Skalet, President

Nothing to do on Saturday or Sunday?

Volunteer at the Brat Fry on June 3rd and/or September 8th! Or help on Sundays at the Depot Museum 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Call Dave Cooper to get on his list, 767-2281.

2018 ANNUAL MEETING



Again we had good attendance for our annual meeting @ 2:00 on February 11. The Black Earth Public Library helped promote the event again and helped us spread the word. Robert Birmingham (pictured below the flag) discussed *Indian Mounds of Wisconsin* 2nd edition he published in August 2017 with co-author Amy Rosebrough.

Mr. Birmingham also provided comments on artifacts attendees brought for his review as was popular at Norm Meinholz's program last year. The audience of about 50 also purchased autographed copies of the book he authored. It was another good turnout and we gained had several new members.

We have had Native American topics for the last two Annual Meetings so please suggest a topic for next year's meeting.

- Family Histories
- House Histories
- Business Histories
- Other

IN THE WORKS

The Depot-to-Depot Run/Walk needs volunteers if it is to continue. Please try to find some help if you are unable to work on the preliminary preparations for this family friendly event that has been held for the last 25-years.

A WEB SITE!

The big news is that we are working on a web site for the Society. We have a host for 2-years and hope to have a site up and running soon. It will be a work in progress. Please let us know if you have suggestions or items you would like to see on it. Those of you on Facebook might take a look at "If you grew up in Black Earth?"

We also hope to work up a companion Facebook page to generate interest and, we hope, some new members in the Black Earth Historical Society. In addition the Society and the Library are cooperating with a digital program entitled Recollection Wisconsin (<http://recollectionwisconsin.org/> for more information). This is also a work in progress. Volunteers and contributors for this project are needed

REVISED BY LAWS

We are working on a final draft of our proposed by laws. We haven't reviewed and revised them since the Society was founded in 1993. The By-Laws locked us into dues and dates for Annual Meetings, which we've changed by board decisions the past couple of years. and other needs we believe will improve operations and help us meet and advance the mission of the organization. Our draft does not specify dues and dates for meetings and adds more flexibility. We patterned them after the Wisconsin Historical Society's guidelines. We will need member approval of the results.

To help, if you do not use email perhaps a friend, relative or librarian would help you to download or review it online and email your comments and/or vote to:

behistoricalsoc@gmail.com

Please let us know if you have any concerns and suggestions as we appreciate you involvement and support.

GARAGE SALE 4/20 & 21

Good, but not great—Thanks for donations!

Auld Lang Syne

100 Years Ago

Dane County News 1918

The M.W.A. team clashed with the Esser's Market team of Madison in the M.W.A. hall last Saturday night, in one of the best games of basketball ever seen in this village.

Although the visiting team was fast they were not quite a match for our boys, who led all the way and won by the final score of 37 to 20. The players on the M.W.A. team were Sebert, Turk, Sarbacker, Mickelson and Carpenter.

Drug Store robbed.

While Mister Drake was busy with a customer in the rear of the store a party whom he had just waited on paused by a display window a moment while on their way to the street and "lifted" a fine Waltham Military watch valued at \$18.

Lenten Foods

Kraft Dinner	Spaghetti Dinner
Pickled Hering	Cut Lunch Hering
Smoked Fish	Fresh Frozen Fish
Codfish	

All These Foods are Not Rationed

Elmdale Coffee Stretcher or Beverage
1 lb. Pkg. 17¢

Our Seed Display Racks Are Out
Make your seed selection Early
Also leave us your order for SEED POTATOES

OPEN SUNDAY MORNING

Thompson's Grocery
Frozen Food Locker Plant
Black Earth, Wis. Phone 77

Dane County News advertisement 1943

75 Years Ago

Dane County News 1943

Carrie Anderson, Phyllis Stublely and Marie Lindstrom will tell what their home town of Black Earth is doing in the war effort and why they are taking the NYA war industries training course of six weeks at the Madison Vocational School. They will be heard on WHA, state station on the university campus.

A. B. Thorsrud has resigned his position as manager of the Patron's Mercantile Co. store after serving in that capacity for approximately thirty years. Miss Albertina Helling has been appointed as manager to succeed him.

50 Years Ago

News Sickle Arrow 1968

Longtime Mazomanie Doctor Isadore Schultz returned after having spent two months serving at the provincial hospital in Kontun Vietnam under an AMA sponsored help program. While in Vietnam Dr. Schultz was assigned to the care of all medical and outpatients at the hospital which is located in the hills of central Vietnam.

All three incumbent trustees were returned to office in the Village of Black Earth. Reelected to two-year terms were Eugene Schultz with 201 votes, Edwyn Schumann with 184 votes and Harlow Schumann who polled 172 votes. Defeated in their bids for election to the village board were Ralph Karn 160 votes and Alfred Obright with 149 votes.

25 Years Ago

News Sickle Arrow 1993

A music festival for Memorial Day weekend in the Town of Vermont, near Tyrol Basin, dubbed "Weedstock 93" is proposed by longtime Madison prolegalization activist Ben Masel. After several weeks of Town and County opposition efforts a Dane county judge agreed the festival should not be allowed in the township.

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Bill Rettenmund's Heritage Farm Display is Back for 2018

If you haven't seen Bill's handiwork in progress please try to stop by this summer. He is often available on Sunday's to explain how farming was done before tractors and steam-powered equipment. Bring the kids or grandkids!