

# THE DEPOT DISPATCH

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## 2016 Calendar of Events

WATCH FOR UPDATES IN THE NEWS-SICKLE-ARROW.

4/22 & 23 Village-wide Garage Sale (Donations call 767-2281 for pick-up)

5/29 The Depot Museum is scheduled to open for the season.

7/16 & 9/24 Brat Fry at the Shoe Box (Volunteers call 767-2281)

8/13 24<sup>th</sup> Depot to Depot Walk / Run Saturday 8:05 via Wolf Run.

### Executive Officers

President Paul Skalet  
Vice Pres. Wayne Barsness  
Secretary Jan Cowan  
Treasurer David Cooper

### Board of Directors

#### Term Expires 2017

LaVonne Clasen  
Harold Miller  
Steve Webber

#### Term Expires 2018

Wayne Barsness  
Paul Skalet  
JoAn Turk

#### Term Expires 2019

David Cooper  
Shirley Danz  
Jan Schroeder  
Shirley Williams

### Archivist

Vacant

### Annual Dues

Personal	\$10.00
Family	\$20.00
Business/Patron	\$35.00

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

## President's Message

Greetings members and supporters of the society.

If you were not able to attend the Society's annual meeting this year, held February 3, 2016, I hope you will review the annual report and enjoy the movie of the '92-'93 restoration of the depot at the links noted in the newsletter.

We are now busy preparing for the village-wide garage sale to be held April 22 & 23 at the depot. We have many donated pieces of furniture and other interesting items that we will be offering for sale. This is a main fundraiser for the Society and we look forward to anyone volunteering to assist in setting up and working on the days of the sale. Please contact me, or any board member, if you are so moved.

The Society has incurred a couple of large expenses in the past year and now this year with having to replace a furnace at the church and now having to replace one side of the depot roof. While insurance covered some of the roof cost, the Society still has a large part to cover. Therefore, we ask that you make a special tax-deductible gift to the Society to help us with these costs, and many thanks in advance.

The depot will be open to the public starting the last Sunday in May and continue each Sunday through September 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. We are always in need of people serving as docents to meet and greet guests each of these Sundays. It is fun to talk with these guests and learn where they are from and if they have a connection to the Black Earth area. If you have such an interest please contact me or any board member.

Again, Mange Tusen Takk for your past and continued support.

Paul Skalet, President

## 2015 SANTA SUNDAY

December 6, 2015 was Santa Sunday and we had one of our largest crowds in recent memory. The Girl Scouts started the program with Christmas carols. This year Mrs. Claus read to the children as they waited for wagon rides and Santa to arrive.



Mrs. Claus was a hit



But Santa was the star of the show



While the Havens loaded the wagon

Both Santa and the wagon rides continued until 4 and all had a good time. This has been a big event for the Village and BEHS. It's free but it's one of our major expenses and it is supported only by donations.

We want to thank the Girl Scouts for their singing, decorating and cookies for the snacks and everyone that makes the event so special.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting was held February 3, 2016. The weather cooperated and attendance was better.

After the business meeting and election of board members, a 30-minute video of the 1992-1993 restoration of the Depot Museum was viewed and discussed, which all in attendance enjoyed. The movie is available on-line along with the Annual Report. The movie may be seen at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2016MeetingMovie>

The Annual Report may be seen at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2016AnReport>

Please be patient as it may take a while for the movie or report to download. Let us know if you have problems.

### **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

Scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23 it is coming soon! Since it is usually our biggest fundraiser please let us know if you have items to donate. Funds will be used to replace half of the Depot Museum's roof this spring. Call Dave at 767-2281. Donations are tax deductible.

### **BRAT FRYS**

Brat Frys are scheduled this year on Saturday, July 16 and Saturday, September 24. Volunteer or stop by the Shoe Box for a couple of brats. We hope for good weather and can always use the funds these events generate. Many thanks to Steve Schmitt and The Shoe Box Staff for the opportunity and support they provide.

### **DEPOT TO DEPOT RUN/WALK**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Depot-to-Depot run/walk is Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:05AM. We plan to change the route this year and use the Wolf Run Trail

for the last 2-miles of the route. Tell all your running/walking friends to join us for this annual event. Please mark your calendar. Registration forms will be available soon in locations in Black Earth and Mazomanie. Volunteers are also needed. Call Dave at 767-2281 to volunteer.

If you have a business, please consider being a sponsor for this family friendly event. For a \$125.00 tax deductible donation you can have your logo and phone number silk-screened on the back of the event T-Shirts.

### **MUSEUM OPENING MAY 29, 2016**

After the garage sale this month we will be getting the Museum ready for the summer season. Schedules are typically Sunday's from 1-4 and volunteer docents to assist greeting visitors are always needed.

We have Bill Rettenmund's Heritage Farming exhibit scheduled to return this summer. You will have a chance to see it if you couldn't stop by last year. Bill is often on hand to answer questions. If Sunday is inconvenient, private visits may be arranged.

We plan to have a smaller Civil War display and expanded WWII and more recent events. If you have suggestions of other exhibits you would like to see, let us know.

**DONATIONS/VOLUNTEERING:** Donations of time and money are always appropriate ways to support the Black Earth Historical Society. With new shingles at the Museum, a new museum sign, a leak at the church building, and ongoing organization and cataloging our collection.

We plan to reduce the print run of The Depot Dispatch, as the cost is a big part of our budget. It is available on the Village's web site.

If you provide your e-mail address you can save us printing and mailing cost. Also e-mails allow us to send news announcements without doing a Depot Dispatch issue. (Please view the Annual Meeting Movie and Annual Report and let us know how we can do a better job.)

Thanks for your continued support and sending in your dues and donations. BEHS

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**Bill Rettenmund's Farming Heritage display will be returning if you missed seeing it last year. It is a work in progress and Bill has been very happy to answer questions from visitors. Plan a visit.**