

THE DEPOT DISPATCH

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2016 Calendar of Events

WATCH FOR UPDATES IN THE NEWS-SICKLE-ARROW.

The Depot Museum is open for the season Sunday afternoons from 1-4 through September, plan to visit (and/or watch the video-see below).

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

12/4 2016 Santa Sunday (tentative date)

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

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| 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:

2016 is slipping by and our board has been busy setting up displays at the depot after the garage sale, setting up and staffing brat fries, doing docent duties on Sundays at the depot and maintaining our depot and church facilities.

Joan Turk and Wayne Barsness have been actively pursuing archivist duties putting our collections in order, Steve Webber has applied his computer skills in many ways for our benefit, including editor of this newsletter, Dave Cooper and Wayne Barsness continue to do maintenance on our facilities, LaVonne Clason keeps us in the public eye when publicity is needed, and all others are ready to perform when called upon. I need to thank all of our board members, namely: Joan Turk, LaVonne Clason, Shirley Williams, Jan Schroeder, Jan Cowan (Secretary), Shirley Danz, Wayne Barsness (Vice Pres.), David Cooper (Treas.), Steve Webber, Harold Miller and Me(Pres.). We are a dedicated group who care deeply about the history of Black Earth and area.

I'm sure there are many other people in the area that feel the same and it is up to all of us to collect, preserve and share stories and artifacts with next generations. We welcome your participation and financial support.

Paul Skalet, President

Note: to watch Depot Restoration Movie on YouTube go to:

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

To see a brief QuickTime Depot Museum video tour go to:

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

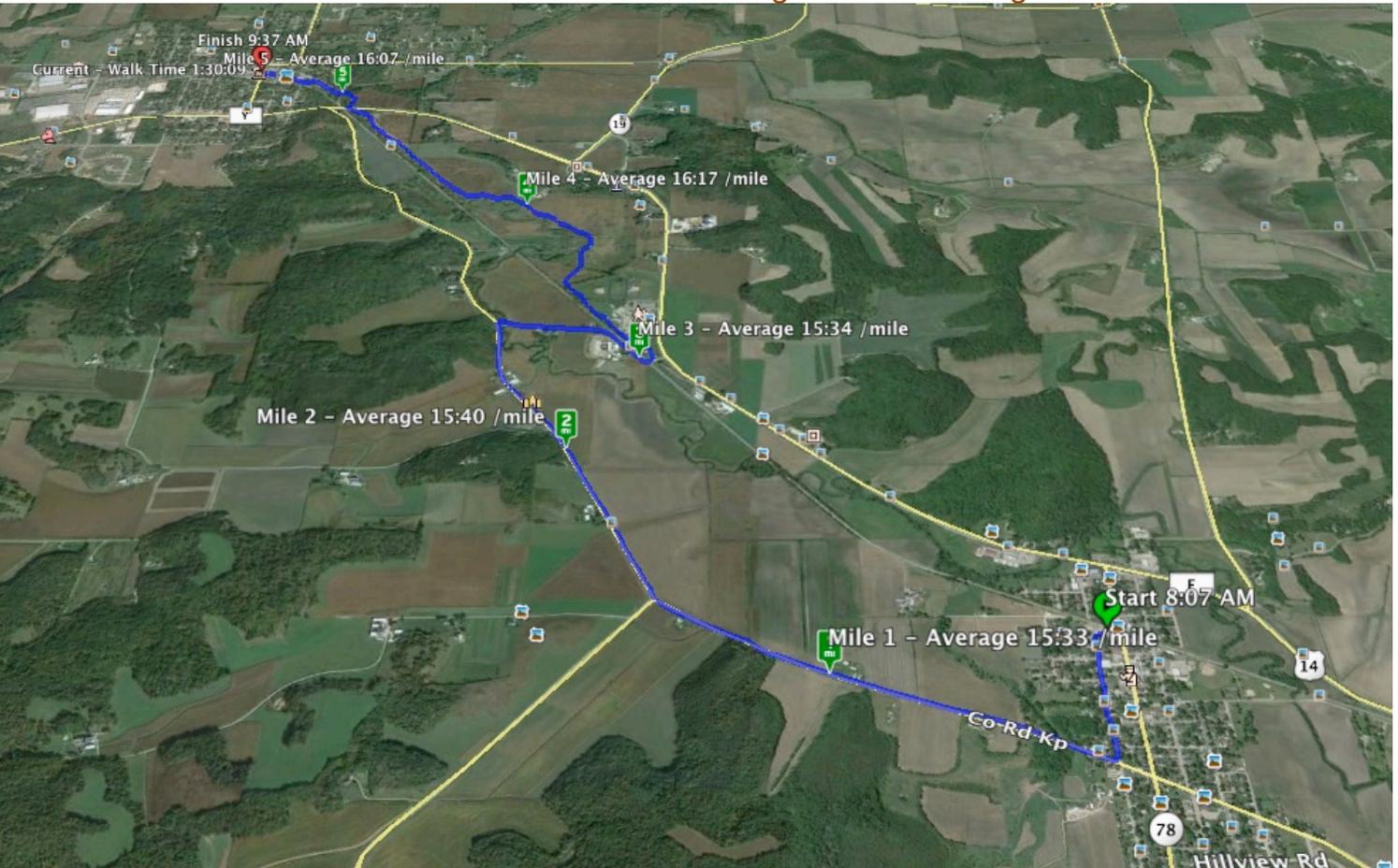
JULY 16, 2016 BRAT FRY

Our first brat fry of 2016 was a success. Good weather, a good crowd at the Shoe Box and another sell out. We have another fry scheduled for September 24 so call to volunteer and keep your fingers crossed for good weather and good luck. Many thanks to Steve Schmitt and The Shoe Box Staff for the opportunity and support they provide.

**Have a Computer or Tablet & Wi-Fi?
Let us send you a link to download your Newsletter**

DEPOT TO DEPOT RUN/WALK

The 24th annual Depot to Depot run/walk was Saturday, August 13th at 8:05AM. We had a cool day to run or walk on the Wolf Run Trail from Olson Road to Mazo. The number of competing events and rain on Friday night may have discouraged event-day registrations, but comments on the new route were positive even though it is a little longer than 5-miles.



New route: Depot south on Blue Mounds to KP, Rt. Olson Rd. to High School and Trail

Auld Lang Syne

100 Years Ago

Dane County News October 1916

Carl Mickelson, Jake DuFreese, Elmer Mickelson and Sharp Mickelson were visitors in parts unknown, the latter part of the last week.

The Equity Society shipped a car of 25,000 pounds of livestock from this depot last week Tuesday. The stock sold at the following high prices; Hogs 10.80 to 11.25, Calves 12.50 and Cattle 4.50 to 6.10.

Mrs. Selma Urness and Mrs. Joe Barsness were Madison visitors Saturday.

**We Have A Full
Stock Of**

- Oats
- Corn
- Bran
- Feeds
- Middlings
- Ground Feed

Don't Forget "MIDNIGHT SUN"
Flour, - - - -

Salt and Cement always on hand

A. A. Mickelson & Son

Dane County News advertisement 1916

75 Years Ago

Dane County News October 1941

The U. S. War Department has given final approval for the construction of a \$65,000,000 powder and acid works at Merrimac.

Thoralf Simonson has closed his filling station at the south end of Black Earth and is leaving for New York.

Electrical storm Thursday disrupts electric service. A tree in the Village Park was blown down on Harry Steensrud's car parked on the east side.

Calvin Schlick scalded about the chest and arms when he attempted to play with his mother when she was carrying a pot of hot tea.

50 Years Ago

News Sickle Arrow October 1966

The old blacksmith building near the depot on Mills Street is being equipped and remodeled into an auto body shop and the upstairs remodeled for living quarters. The new owners are Paul Savage, Larry Danz and Donald Olson.

George Webber is reopening his restaurant, "The Dining Room" again after being closed for several months. Maybe because he is so lonesome without his friends or because folks here are getting hungry for a good dinner.

25 Years Ago

News Sickle Arrow October 1971

Mark Andrews of Black Earth is a seeded participant in the Gatorade Triathlon World Championship in Hawaii. Last year was the first year Andrews became one of the 1400 or so participants from all over the world to take part in this prestigious event. This year, however, things are different. Andrews comes into the event as a seeded participant which means he's considered one of the best 100 or so participants, based on his performance at the Canadian Ironman earlier this year.

Mark Fisk, 37, is the new manager at the Patron's Mercantile General Store in Black Earth. Fisk brings nearly 20 years' experience in the grocery business to his new job. Recently married, Fisk and his wife live in the town of Roxbury.

Tidbits from the NSA Collection

Newsletter of the Black Earth Historical Society

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Bill Rettenmund's Farming Heritage display is back! 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 to visit.