



BLACK EARTH NEWS

Newsletter

March, 2020

Village Municipal Office

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DOG & CAT LICENSES

Wisconsin State Statutes & Village ordinances require dogs and cats to be licensed no later than April 1st.

Cat or Dog that are not neutered or spayed : \$22.00. Neutered or spayed Cat or Dog: \$17.00

License applications are available at the Village office or you can download an application off our website. You must present a copy of a valid rabies vaccination at the time you present your application. If you pay by check, you should make your check payable to the Village of Black Earth. If you return your completed application through the mail, please include a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate and a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your pet tag by mail.

The Village is looking for a volunteer to help maintain the flowerbeds around our Village Welcome signs. If you would like to help please call us at 767-4900.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Heating season is approaching. Black Earth Utilities has joined the Home Energy Plus Low Income Energy Assistance Program. If you need assistance or would like further information, please call

1- 866-HEATWIS (432-8947).

For Dane County residents, you can also go to Homeenergyplus.wi.gov

PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES

During a snow emergency, no person shall park any vehicle on a street, alley or public parking lot during the period of the snow emergency, or immediately thereafter, until streets, alley or public parking can be cleared of snow. The Municipal parking lot can be used for parking during this time.

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

It is the duty of each owner or occupant of any building or ground in the Village of Black Earth to remove from the

sidewalk adjacent to the premises, within 24 hours after the end of any snow, sleet, rain or hail storm, all snow and ice which may have fallen or accumulated thereon during said storm. Property owners are prohibited from allowing any snow, ice, slush or combination thereof to be shoveled, plowed, dumped, and pushed or in any manner on a public street, alley sidewalk or thoroughfare in the Village at any time. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions above, shall be subject to a citation.

NOTES FOR SPRING

With the snow eventually melting away and spring rains coming, please know that you may make sandbags at Public Works building. Public Works will not deliver or pick-up sand bags from your property. We will do the best we can to keep our storm water drains clean and free of debris. Contact the Public Works if you have any questions or concerns please contact Public Works at 767-2063.

We are looking for Volunteers for a website focus group. Please Call **767-4902** if you would like to help.

B.E. Public Library Programs & Events

MOVE IT MONDAYS

Mondays from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Come to the library and move to the music, make some noise, and play! Best for ages 2-5, but all ages are always welcome. No registration necessary.
March 2
March 9
March 16

LIBRARY RECIPE CLUB

Bring your recipes to exchange with other foodies. Bring samples to share from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Sample Day, during the monthly Coffee with a Cop event. **The themes for March 12 are Super Soups/Breads and Doughnuts.** Drop off a recipe to share and pick up a new one from one of your community members.

BOOK DISCUSSION AUTHOR HEATHER ROBERSON

Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m.
Join us as Heather Roberson, Wisconsin Heights school librarian, discusses her own book, *A Love Tucked Away in the Attic*. This novel is a timeless military love story with tragedy and a family brought together by the power of love. Copies are available at the library.

HEALING THROUGH STORYTELLING PRESENTED BY LOCAL AUTHOR KARL STEWART

Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m.
How does one address subjects too painful to speak of, too personal to publicize? How does one do it in a manner that is both entertaining and informative? Come and meet author and speaker Karl Stewart and discover how he found a path through the Post-Traumatic Stress

Disorder (PTSD) that ravaged his family. Learn how the writing of two novels, *The Seventh Cruise*, and *Up Harvey's Creek* provided the venue, first to explore the illness that plagued his father, and secondly how an eleven year old boy sought to cope with it. This event is part of the series "What We are Going Though: Listening to Mental Illness" sponsored by Beyond the Page, National Endowment for the Humanities, Madison Community Foundation, and School of Social Work at UW-Madison.

March Storytime Schedule

Toddler Storytime:
Tue from 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Preschool Storytime:
Tue from 10:40 – 11:10 a.m.

March 3: Pets
March 10: Numbers
March 17: Colors
March 24: No story-time
March 31: Silly Stories



Coffee with a COP



Thursday, March 12, 2020

(2nd Thursday of each month)

9:00 am to 11:00 am

at

The Village of Black Earth
Municipal Building
1210 Mills Street

Join Your Neighbors and Police Officers for Coffee and Conversation!

Guest Speaker:

Deputy Chris Kauer

Dane County Community Deputy and Dive Team member



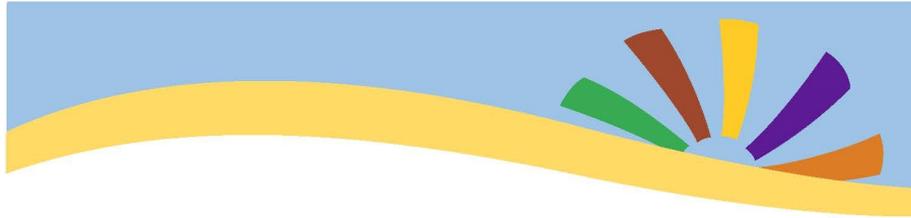
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In Partnership with the Dane County Sheriff's Office
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Community Happenings



Black Earth Area Chamber of Commerce

* Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 6pm-8pm

Annual Meeting and
Chamber Updates at
Macker Backer

Join us for an open house
style meeting
Food and Refreshments

Heights Unlimited

Pantry & Clothes Closet Hours: Tues days 4:00 – 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., 2nd Saturday of the Month 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact, Rita Miller (ritajane622@gmail.com) or Joyce Evers (joyceevers@centurylink.net)

Black Earth Chamber

Tuesday, March 10th, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Monthly Meeting, Village Office Back Room Thursday, February

27th, Annual Meeting: Happy Hour w/Appetizers (more information to follow)

BE Historical Society

Wednesday, February 5th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Monthly Meeting Sunday, February 16th, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Annual Meeting, Guest Speaker Jennifer Rude Klett will be doing a presentation on World War I – The U.S. Doughboy Experience & Writing Alamo Doughboy.

Mickelsons-Martin Black Earth American Legion Post 313

Vern Wendt, Dave Dybdahl, and Ron Koenig received pins at February's meeting for 50, 30, and 20 years of continuous service respectively! Congratulations and thank you for your service!



A TRIBUTE TO WWII VETERANS 2004

BURNETT SEVERSON

11/3/04 - By Jon Urness

Veteran's Day, 1944. On that day, sixty years ago, Armistice Day, as it was called then, local soldiers were spread all over the globe fighting the Axis Powers of Hitler, Hirohito, and Mussolini.

Over in Europe, Norman Sale was having a tough time of it with the Germans during the bloody battle for the city of Aachen, just inside Germany near the Belgian border. Maurice "Mutz" Skalet, an armored infantryman, was only a few kilometers south of Norman, slugging it out in the Battle of the Huertgen Forest. His brother Gil, in training, would be joining the fray in a couple of months. Young Art Rettenmund had landed on the beaches at Anzio, Italy, and was now marching northward.

Another local boy, Joe Trainor, had been killed in action earlier that year at Normandy on

D-Day. William Trainor, an infantryman with the 32nd Division, was in the South Pacific and mercifully did not know his tragic fate on December 21, 1944. Art Dietrich had bailed out of a doomed B-17 bomber behind German lines that summer and made his way back with the help of French resistance fighters. On Armistice Day 1944, Larry Michaelis, a Screaming Eagle with the 101st Airborne, would soon be coming off the line after 72 days of combat in Holland during the ill-fated Operation Market Garden.

Jerome Deneen, a radioman with General Patton's 5th Infantry Division, had been cut down, trying to take a fortified position on the Moselle River in France. Now he lay in a shallow, unmarked and forgotten grave in German-held territory. Joseph Wilkins, an airman with the 445th Heavy Bomber Group, suffered a similar fate in February that year and was buried in Holland. Ole Dalby was in the midst of a string

of 47 bombing runs over Europe as a waist gunner in a B-24

Liberator. And so it was on Veteran's Day, November 11, 1944...just to mention a few of the many area soldiers away from home sixty years ago.

And Burnett Severson, a handsome young farm boy from the Town of Vermont, was about to embark on an adventure that would put him in the witness seat of the terrible devastation of war in the South Pacific. Burnett, who now lives with his wife Marie, in their home on Moen Valley Road, just south of Black Earth, was in the midst of Air Force training on that Veteran's Day sixty years ago. After being drafted in August of 1944, Burnett was shipped around from Texas, to Colorado, then down to Florida and finally nearer to home in Illinois. Airmen in those days were dual trained. That is, they were trained for at least two jobs should the need arise for them to relieve an injured crewman. Burnett's primary skill was as an aircraft mechanic and secondly as a waist-gunner in a B-29 bomber.

On Election Day 2004, just a few days before Veteran's Day, Burnett spread out dozens of dog-eared and sometimes faded black and white photographs that in their own way told the story of his three-and-a-half years as an airman with the 28th Squadron of the 19th Bomber Group in the South Pacific at the end of World War II. But before he could start telling old war stories as depicted in the old photos, Burnett paused to reflect on some of the sights and experiences he witnessed that could not possibly be communicated even with the best of photography.

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