



Village Hall Closed 5/29

The Village Hall will be closed Monday, May 29th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Thank You to John Bird

You will see a couple of new additions to the picnic tables in Veterans Park all thanks to John Bird Accounting, LLC. Two ADA-accessible picnic tables were donated and will be able to be enjoyed by all. We give our sincerest thanks, John!

Chicken License Reminder

If you are planning on having chickens on your property, you must first get a license approved by the Village Board. You must also renew your license annually. Call the Village Office with any questions or to get the form at 608-767-2563.

Happy 100th Birthday, Charlotte!

We extend the warmest birthday wishes to Charlotte Argraves as she celebrated a milestone 100th birthday in April.

Happy Birthday, Beth Ann!

Beth Marty, our wonderful Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, is celebrating her birthday on May 10! Stop by the office and say "hi"... or even sing her a song!

Village Brush Collection

Brush collection is scheduled for the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday of the month (excluding holidays and inclement weather). Call Public Works for brush collection questions at 608-767-2063.

American Legion Steak Feed 5/13

The Black Earth Mickelsons-Martin American Legion Post 313 will be holding its annual steak feed on Saturday, May 13 from 4-7:30pm at the Black Earth Fire Station, 711 Blue Mounds St. Proceeds directly benefit the many programs Post 313 coordinates. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and may be purchased from The Shack, Breunig CPA, Mike Helmenstine or Dennis Wood 608-767-3665 or 608-712-1884.

Concerts in the Park 2023!

Mark your calendars! Another year, another great lineup for Concerts in the Park, held at Veterans Memorial Park and organized and presented by the dedicated volunteers of the Black Earth Events Committee (BEEvents). While the concerts are free to attend, donations are appreciated. Proceeds go towards next year's concerts and the annual Field Days festivities, including a fantastic fireworks show! Food will be available to purchase each week and is sponsored by local non-profit organizations. See the BEEvents Facebook page for the menu.

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm - Veterans Park

- **June 13 - The Chris O'Leary Band**
- **June 20 - The Jimmys**
- **June 27 - Eric Nofsinger Band**
- **July 11 - Keith and the Klassics**
- **July 18 - Tony Rocker**
- **July 25 - Hot August Nights**

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Contactless service is still available for those who prefer to pick up holds by appointment. Please call 608-767-4905.

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 10 | 10:30-11:30

Join us at the Village Hall for a discussion of the novel The Bartender's Tale by Ivan Doig. Copies of the book, including large print versions, are available at the library.

"All Together Now" Summer Library Program

Get your Summer Library Program bag starting Thursday, June 1! We'll have bags available for children from birth - 5th grade, and students in 6th - 12th grade. Readers of all ages, including babies and adults, can join our Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge beginning June 1.

The Friends of the Black Earth Library will donate \$1 to a library project for every Activity Log finished and every Beanstack Badge earned. Plus there will be Grand Prize Drawings for kids, teens, and adults at the end of the program. Visit blackearthlibrary.org for more information, and for details about our upcoming summer events!

Activity Grab Bags for Kids

A new bag containing activity sheets, stickers, and a craft will be available starting Monday, May 1. Stop by the library or call 608-767-4905 to have a bag set aside.

Library Closure - Memorial Day

We will be closed for Memorial Day Saturday, May 27 through Tuesday, May 30 for the Memorial Day Holiday. There will be no WiFi available Tuesday. Regular hours Resume on Wednesday, May 31. We'll make sure no holds expire and nothing is due during this closure.

Rummage Sales

The Historical Society Rummage Sale Fundraiser Begins 9am on Friday, May 12 - 13th. **Village-Wide Sales** - There are no organizers for the typical Village-wide rummage sales, but they are typically held the same weekend as the Historical Society sale, beginning the weekend of May 12th.

Survive & Advance:

Tips for Dealing with Anxiety

Thursday, May 18 at 6:00pm

Village Community Room

Free! No registration is required.

Join us for this enlightening program on dealing with anxiety, presented by Tim Decorah. As a teacher and coach in the Waunakee School District for the last 28 years, very few knew what was happening in Tim Decorah's anxiety and panic-stricken world. Join us as we listen to Tim talk about his adversities through childhood that ultimately lead to battling an anxiety disorder as an adult. He will discuss some of the "highs" of his life, like athletics and his professional life, and share how he struggled with the "lows" that accompanied his anxiety. Learn how Tim was able to face these challenges, as he shares his plan to deal with the highs & lows of everyday life.

No registration is required!