

# BLACK EARTH NEWS

MAY 2024

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## Burning Permits

Planning on doing a controlled burn? You must apply for a burning permit through the DNR before your burn. Apply online at [apps.dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits/](https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits/) or stop by the office and we can help you apply!

## Diggers Hotline - Call 811 Before You Dig!

Planning on doing a little spring yard renovation? State law requires notifying Diggers Hotline before you excavate, grade, trench, dig, drill, augur, tunnel, scrape, plow, cable, or pipe. Excavation, according to the law, means anything that moves, removes, or displaces earth rock, or other material in or on the ground. You can contact Digger's Hotline at 811 or 800-242-8511, or go online to [www.diggershotline.com](http://www.diggershotline.com) to submit a locate ticket! Tickets must be submitted at least 3 working days in advance, so be sure to plan ahead.

## The Black Earth Bombers

It's that time of year again, BASEBALL TIME! Bring the whole family down to Jerry Barsness Field at Community Park for an afternoon of fun supporting the local Home Talent team! Home Games in May are as follows:

**Friday, May 19th - vs Waunakee 1 PM**

**Friday, May 24th - vs Plain 7:30 PM**

**Thursday, May 30th - vs Poynette 7 PM**

Keep an eye out for the full schedule at [www.facebook.com/BEBombers/](https://www.facebook.com/BEBombers/)

## Summer Concerts in the Park Series at Veterans Memorial Park

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, and also to be up-to-date as to what other events will be coming to Black Earth this summer!

### **Tuesdays 6:30 PM**

**June 11 - Angela Puerta**, performing Afro-Columbian music in partnership with the Black Earth Public Library and sponsored by Beyond the Page

**June 18 - The SoundBillies** - Bluegrass, Folk, and Blues

**June 25 - Eric Nofsinger Band** - Country

**July 2 - The Jimmys** - Chicago Blues and New Orleans Funk

**July 9 - Depot Express** - Classic Rock and Funk

**July 16 - Tony Rocker and the Comeback Special** - Elvis Tribute

**July 23 - Keith and the Klassiks** - Classics, Country, and Originals

**July 30 - Hot August Nights** - A Tribute to Neil Diamond



Thank you to TDS Telecom, John F. Bird Accounting LLC, Lake Ridge Bank, and all other generous contributors for your continued support for the summer concerts.

## Village Hall Closed on Monday, May 27

The Village Office will be transitioning to Summer hours beginning May 24, and will be open Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm and Fridays 8am-12pm. The Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

## Low Mow May

Between May 1 and June 1, the Municipal Code regarding lawn length is suspended. But there is no exception for noxious weeds - all noxious weeds must still be destroyed. Low Mow May advocates for eco-conscious lawn care, and emphasizes support for pollinators and overwintering insects. This involves reducing mowing, using native plants, and adopting sustainable methods for healthier landscapes.

## Meter Required for Sewer Adjustment

Manual water recording for pool filling, gardening, lawn watering, or any other purpose is not accepted for sewer adjustments. To qualify, rent a meter at \$25/month; adjustment applied after the meter is returned. Call the Office to reserve a meter. First come, first serve.

## Field Days 2024

Mark your calendars and get ready to celebrate this great village! The annual Field Days celebration will be on August 9th and 10th this year. Check out the BEEvents Facebook page for more details of events and ways to volunteer or donate!

**Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 9:30am to 7:00pm  
 Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Library Holiday Hours**

We will be closed for Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 25 through Monday, May 27. We'll make sure no holds expire and nothing is due during this closure.

**May Activity Grab Bag 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.

**Storytime**

**Tuesday, May 7 | 11:30am-12pm**

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities with friends! Best for babies and toddlers, but the whole family is always welcome.

**Toddler Art**

**Tuesday, May 7 | 12pm-12:30pm**

Come create, explore, and play at the library! Our art experiments for little hands are designed to encourage curiosity and build motor skills. Enjoy the process and come dressed for a mess.

**"Adventure Begins at Your Library"****Summer Library Program**

Get your Summer Library Program bag and join our Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge beginning June 1. Visit [blackearthlibrary.org](http://blackearthlibrary.org) for more information and details about our upcoming events!

**Spice of the Month Club**

The library is now offering the "Spice of the Month Club." Each month we will be providing "take-and-make" kits featuring a different spice, herb, or blend. Each kit will include information about the featured spice, two simple recipe suggestions, and enough spice to make both of the recipes included. The kits are free, but supplies are limited. Please, only one kit per household. For May we'll be offering turmeric.

**American Legion Post 313 Steak Feed**

The American Legion Post 313 will hold a steak dinner fundraiser for the public as part of "Armed Forces Day" on Saturday, May 18 at the Black Earth Fire Station. Meal tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from Dennis Wood, Gary Ballweg, at The Shack, and at Breunig CPA.

**Coffee with a Cop**

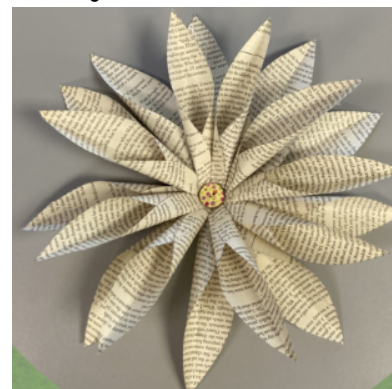
**2nd Thursday of Each Month | Free!**

**9:00am-11:00am**

**Black Earth Village Hall**

**Type 2 Diabetes Education Classes**

Join Kayla, pharmacist from the Mount Horeb Family Pharmacy, to learn ways to manage diabetes that fit your life. Diabetes Education classes will be starting soon at the Black Earth Municipal Building! The class structure includes an initial one-on-one appointment with the pharmacist followed by a series of four group classes. Dates will be announced once we have a better understanding of interest. This class is designed for those currently diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. These services are fully covered by Medicare. Non-Medicare patients can inquire with the pharmacy about the cost. To register or to learn more, please contact the Mount Horeb Family Pharmacy at 608-437-3001.

**Adult Craft Night:****Book Page Flower Wall Hanging**

**Thursday, May 16 | 6:00pm-7:30pm**

Join us for our next Adult Craft Night where we'll be making flower wall hangings out of book pages. It'll make a perfect addition to your spring decor. All the supplies and instructions will be provided for this free event, and no registration is required. PAGE 2