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Black Earth Alumni meeting Saturday

The Black Earth High School Alumni Association's 122nd annual gathering will take place this Saturday, June 21.

Anyone needing a ride to the banquet should contact Harold Miller at 798-2568.

The annual event will be held in the lower level of the Black Earth branch of the State Bank of Cross Plains.

Registration starts at 4:45 p.m., and fellowship will precede the family-style buffet dinner.

After dinner, two scholarships will be awarded: Kaitlyn Owens will receive the Alumni Scholarship and Elizabeth Elisoffter will receive the Wendell Anderson Athletic Scholarship. A short business meeting will follow.

Swin Bus making Wednesday trips to Mazomanie's cool swimming pool

The Village of Black Earth's Swim Bus is making regular Wednesday trips to the Mazomanie Municipal Swimming Pool through July 16.

The bus picks up Black Earth kids at Veterans Memorial Park and takes them to the pool, weather permitting. Those planning to go should meet at 12:15 p.m., and the bus will leave for

Mazomanie at 12:30. The bus will return to Veterans Park at 3 p.m.

There is a \$1 fee to ride the bus. Any swimmer under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult.

When in doubt whether the bus will run or not, parents can call the village office at 767-2563.

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For Weberg, next week's 'Death Race' is all about the challenge

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News-Sickle-Arrow

Mazomanie area resident Chad Weberg is preparing to die. Well... Maybe.

On June 27, Weberg will be in the Green Mountains in and around Pittsfield, Vermont, taking part in a "Death Race." Death races, created by a group called "Peak Races," are designed to get right in the faces of people who crave a challenge, or in this case, a non-stop barrage of challenges purposely designed to break the spirit of those who are crazy enough to sign up.

The website for the race - www.youmaydie.com - indicates, "The race... was developed as a way

for athletes to test themselves both mentally and physically. We provide no support. We don't tell you when it starts. We don't tell you when it ends. We don't tell you what it will entail. We want you to fail and encourage you to quit at any time."

"Why do I do it?" asked Weberg, who is married and works for Electric Theater Controls. "Because I love a challenge. I love to go out and push myself further than I've gone before."

Weberg has an ulterior motive. When he did a 102-mile hike earlier this year in preparation for his upcoming ordeal, "I took a few amazing friends with me in spirit."

On his 39-hour journey, he carried



When Chad Weberg takes part in the "Death Race" in Vermont on June 27, he'll be looking for the light at the end of the tunnel. Contributed photo

on Tuesday's at 3:30 p.m. to experience Dungeons & Dragons fantasy role playing game. Beginners welcome.

It's a Crime!

It's A Crime! is a book discussion group for Mazomanie readers who like books about murder, mayhem and mystery. It meets on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. to discuss *And Justice There is None*, by Deborah Crombie. New club members are always welcome. Interested persons can call the library at 795-2104 to be added to the email list or visit the library's website to see the complete reading list to date.

The Friends of the Mazomanie Free Library meets the third Tuesday of each month at the library at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. We can never have too many Friends!

Library Corner

News from the Black Earth Public Library

Fizz Boom Read! Summer Library Program

Kids of all ages can begin signing up for the summer reading program on Monday, June 9. Read books and win fun prizes! Don't forget to stop by the library throughout the summer to find the hidden Muppets, Beaker and Bunsen, and win some candy.

Summer Tuesday Storytimes

Babies: 9:30 - 10 a.m.
Toddlers: 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Preschoolers: 10:30 - 11 a.m.
June 24: Numbers

Art Experiments for Little Hands

Mondays, June 23, 30
from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Each day features a different and fun art activity like painting with ice, edible fingerpaint, or stamping with marshmallows. Create, experiment, and have fun. Don't forget to come dressed for a mess! Best for ages two to four, but siblings are always wel-

come. Register at the library, or by calling 767-4905.

Wii Fridays

June 20 - July 25 at 1 p.m.
All ages are welcome to join us for Wii games like Wipeout and Mario Kart all summer. Snacks and drinks will be provided. (The library will be closed Friday, July 4.)

Geology at the Library with Kevin Hutchison

Thursday, June 19 from 2-4 p.m.
You will get to see and touch all sorts of interesting rocks at this interactive and fun presentation featuring Geology - the study of Earth. Plus everyone can take home their own small stone! No registration is necessary.

Tinkering with Technology

Tuesdays, June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5 from 2 - 4 p.m.
Here is your chance to fix things,

crewed for a few friends who were doing a race. He watched as his friends pushed themselves to the limit in mind and body for 60-plus hours.

The website explains that "Every Death Race is its own uniquely brutal challenge, no two races are alike."

And they aren't your father's idea of a race, either. Weberg's friends split and stacked wood, carried a rock for 30 miles up a mountain and back, built fires from scratch, cut a bushel of onions, and after 24 hours memorized the first ten presidents or a Bible verse, hiked to the top of the mountain and re-

quired them back in order.

"Miss a word and you get to do it again, and again...and again," he explained. "This is mainly unsupported, meaning I'll be carrying a pack with all my food and water for a couple of days, plus the required 'gear' list. Last year that included ten pounds of hay and grass seed to landscape a stone stairway that was built up a mountain."

So next Friday, as you are conning home after another grueling week at work, think of Chad Weberg. He'll just be getting started, and his only pay will be the thrill of accomplishment.

Arena locals

by Marion Porter • 753-2458

A birthday celebration for Mrs. Marvin Halverson was well-attended Sunday at Grandma Mary's. Lots of family and friends attended.

Louie Carpenter is enjoying being home again, but continues to make lots of Madison doctor calls. Lily Pope is now at Maplewood Nursing Home for further treatment. She has had lots of visitors.

I received an interesting call about news from the mid-1890s (1894 or 96) from Shirley and Jim Greenheck of Lone Rock. The steamer "Mary M", under the command of Captain Goddard of Oshkosh, spring a leak a little bit east of the Arena pier. The report indicates the passengers were all rescued, thanks to the skillful work of an Arena lifesaving crew under the direction of "Chief Goodyear."

"The boat has been raised and repaired and a few days ago started back to Oshkosh quarters," it read. Thanks so much for the article. I will give it to the Arena Historical Society.

We received another wonderful call from Dr. Kempthorne, with whom we

visited for an hour. It made my day, as I had just learned out my good knee needed surgery soon. As long as I can walk, I plan on putting it off as long as I can because I love summer and my gardens.

A sad note...Rachel (Roberts) Price, daughter of the late Hugo and Violet Roberts, passed away March 3. She lived in Minersville, Penn. Locally she is survived by her sister, Ruth Ann Reeve, Jean Farris and Ardid McNutt. She was buried in Arena June 10, and a large crowd gathered for dinner. So we saw some friends and classmates and loved ones.

Seeing stories about the Lake Marion Park brings back memories. My mother told of how I got my name Marion (note the spelling.) Her story was that the park was named after a beautiful Indian maiden with long, black hair, so my name became Marion, spelled with an "o" as with the park. We loved going fishing there and my son Tom still helps with a donation of concessions from his Lake Louie Beer Company.