

Special
Election
Nov. 1

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Village business continues

by Paul T. Greening

Some residents may have a misunderstanding derived from local newspapers that government activities in Bloomingdale "have been suspended," "curtailed," "stopped" as a result of the unfortunate and untimely death of Mayor Robert J. Homola, followed by the resignations of Trustees Morrisroe and Conarty.

Village Administrator Robert F. Reeves has stated that Village business is being conducted on a normal basis. No work stoppages have been encountered and none are anticipated. All current bills are being routinely processed and paid.

At this time no Village matters require authority beyond that vested in the administrative staff of the Village. Reeves stated that he does not anticipate any serious problems or crises; but that if such an emergency should arise, he has the authority under State law to take action.

All public works projects are progressing on schedule, including the Lake Street sewer and water special assessments.

When Trustees Morrisroe and Conarty resigned on October 3 because of a disagreement regarding the appointment of a Mayor had asked for a Village special election, the Board of Trustees lacked a quorum necessary to meet and conduct business. But as the Board is a legislative body, its temporary suspension does not affect the day-to-day activities of the Village.

Mr. Reeves assured the news media that the special election, called by Village Clerk Carole M. Koehler for November 1, 1977, has been thoroughly reviewed with the Village Attorney, Edward T. Graham, to assure its conformity with statutory requirements.

Reeves also stated that he has asked Trustees Johnson, Lehman and Friscia to call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for November 2, the day after the election. The purpose of the meeting is to seat the new Mayor and new Trustees. The next Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for November 7, 1977 and the next regular Board Meeting for November 14, 1977.



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IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT J. HOMOLA 1922-1977

Meacham Preserve Preserved!

Bloomingtondale citizens can give thanks to some area residents and environmental groups who waged an intense campaign this year to save seven woodland acres adjacent to the Meacham Grove Forest Preserve.

Their lobbying efforts paid off when the DuPage County Forest Preserve Commission agreed to buy the land from Werner Troesken, a former Bloomingtondale Village Board member, for \$175,000. Troesken originally proposed subdividing the land into six lots and selling them for a total of \$240,000.

Like the rest of Meacham Grove, this uniquely natural area contains a rare growth of hardwood trees, wild life and wild flowers, and was recognized by the Illinois Department of Conservation as one of the six top nature areas in DuPage County.

In an unprecedented move, the Forest Preserve voted to supply 75 per cent of the funds needed to purchase this tract and to require outside sources to furnish the remaining 25 per cent. According to Anthony K. Nagurski, a member of the Committee to Expand Meacham Grove, "This is an unusual approach, but we feel

it is an attainable goal. We will, however, need the help of County, local, civic and conservation organizations."

To date the citizens groups have raised \$30,000 from Bloomingtondale Township and \$1,000 from DuPage Audubon Society toward the \$43,750 needed for the groups' share of the cost. And the Bloomingtondale Township Board has agreed to guarantee payment of the rest of the money until it is raised.

"The preservation of this valuable resource will be a great asset to the community and anything anyone can do to help repay the commitment will be greatly appreciated," stated Mr. Nagurski.

The Committee to Expand Meacham Grove is holding a raffle as part of their fund raising effort, to be held November 19, 1977 at St. Pauls United Church of Christ, Bloomingtondale. Tickets are \$1.00 each, and winners need not be present. First prize will be a trip to Las Vegas, including airfare, hotel accommodations plus extras, and second prize will be a Schwinn ten-speed bicycle (men's or lady's choice). For ticket information call Cindy Russell, 894-8164.

Library Schedules Winter Events

The Bloomingtondale Library has been busy planning several activities in which the old and young alike can partake during the winter months. The first scheduled event is a "Holiday Idea Exchange" to be held Thursday, Nov. 10th at 8 p.m. at the Bloomingtondale Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Anyone interested in sharing holiday traditions, activities, music, cooking, or crafts is welcome to attend. Hanukkah traditions will be shared by the women's ORT group.

On Saturday, Dec. 17th a surprise Christmas film will be shown for children at the library at 10 am and 1 pm.

The winter doldrums may be escaped through a series of "Family Film Nights" which the library will hold January through March. The film nights will include travelogues and cartoons. The first "Family Film Night" is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 5th at 8 pm at the library.

Boy Did We Goof!

Kimberly Babyar and Diane Lipensky were mentioned in our last issue for having designed the Village Flag. Unfortunately, we referred to them as seventh grade students--they are both high school graduates. If that wasn't bad enough, we misspelled Kimberly's last name. Please excuse our error.

Editor

The films which will be shown that night are "The City of London" and "Tinderbox." Films scheduled for February and March will be published at a later date.

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Farewell "Steve"



At the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 19, the acting chairman read Mr. Stephen R. Salvesen's letter of resignation from the Board.

In his resignation letter Salvesen stated that it was an extremely difficult decision to make but that the opportunity offered by his company was so attractive that in the final analysis he had to accept it. He deeply regretted having to leave Bloomingtondale where he had made so many friends in his position as Trustee since 1975. In the 1977 election Steve headed the C.A.P. Party ticket in a very close race for Village President. As the manager of the Turbo Products Division for Ingersoll Rand, Steve has already found himself involved in international travel. As he told some friends, "I miss Bloomingtondale very much, but in my new location in western New Jersey I miss my family more."

On October 3 the Board of Trustees presented Steve with a plaque commemorating his service to the Village.

Jaycees Donate Sign to Village

Residents driving by the Bloomingtondale Village Hall in the last few weeks have been informed of community events by a new sign. The \$3,000 sign was donated to the Village by the Bloomingtondale Jaycees who have worked very hard for the last three years to attain it. The money was raised by working on car washes, an art auction, and the 1976 Septemberfest. According to Jaycee President Jerry Hussey, the Jaycees hope the sign will be a means of communication for all the various civic and social groups in the community.

4 per cent Insure 10,000

On Saturday, October 15, 215 pints of blood were contributed at the Winnebago School. As a result of their gifts the Bloomingdale Blood Association now has obtained more than half of its 1977-78 quota of 400 pints. Meeting that quota means that all residents of Bloomingdale are provided FREE and total blood replacement at any hospital in the United States or Canada. This "blood insurance" also applies to unmarried students (residing temporarily outside of Bloomingdale) and parents and parents-in-law (regardless of residence) if unable to donate blood. The program-unique in Northern DuPage County - also covers all village employees, firemen, police officers and their families. Each year's quota is established for the 12-month period beginning July 1 and is based on contributions equalling 4 per cent of the total Village population. For the 1976-77 period the quota of 393 pints was established. The Blood Center replaced over 700 pints during that same period. At the current cost of blood of \$90 per unit, the residents of the village were saved \$3300 by the program.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Howell of 283 Durham Lane, the drive means that their son Chris, a hemophiliac, will continue to receive the life-sustaining factor eight-which is obtained from blood. Each injection requires the processing of two pints of blood. In years past Chris has needed more than 200 such injections.

As the Village continues to grow, more help is needed to assure the program's success. Regardless of whether you can give or not, help is needed making phone call appointments, babysitting, servicing coffee, walking donors or assisting in the administration of the program. Call the Blood Association President Diann Hartman (893-4581) or Carole Kuznitsky, Donor Recruitment Chairperson (893-3250). Let's be sure to keep our insurance coverage!

Clover-Leaf Towers Restaurant

Village officials attended the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony opening the Clover-Leaf Towers Restaurant and Lounge located at 201 East Army Trail Road in Bloomingdale on Monday, October 17.

On hand for the ceremony were: Robert Reeves, Village Administrator; Carol Koehler, Village Clerk; Joseph Stella, Director of Building and Zoning; Al Panou and Pete Dardanes, Proprietors; Dominic

Luminaries will shine again

Last year on Christmas Eve, residents and visitors to Bloomingdale found the streets aglow with thousands of unique outdoor lanterns, or "luminaria". The holiday season soon will be upon us, and the Bloomingdale Women's Club members are busy preparing for their second annual luminary sale to be held in December.

These luminaries had their origin in Spain centuries ago with the placing of small bonfires along roads on Christmas Eve to light the way for Christmas. As Spanish colonists moved to Mexico, they brought this tradition with them, and later paper lanterns were introduced, adding to the decorations.

Today each luminaria "lantern" consists of a special soft-glowing candle placed in a translucent paper bag, weighted with sand. They are lit at 6 P.M. on Christmas Eve and burn until 2 or 3 A.M. Christmas morning. If inclement weather prevails, they will be lit at 6 P.M. on Christmas Day. Because of the strong winds last year, stronger brown bags will be used this year to prevent the candles from burning out.

Volunteers will be selling luminaries door-to-door as much as possible, and they will be made available through some local merchants as well.

Luminaries sell for 5 - \$1.00 (including bags and instructions). And as was done last year, proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Bloomingdale school districts.

Additional information will be made available to the local papers in the months ahead, or by calling Pat Sodomka at 529-8816.

Show your community and holiday spirit by lighting your luminaries this holiday season.

A. Buttitta and Dominic J. Buttitta, Developers, and Restaurant Designer, Tony Lawrence.

The restaurant will feature specialty menus prepared by Chef Al, and will include a large selection of reasonably priced breakfast, luncheon and dinner entrees. And for those larger parties and business meetings, a banquet facility to accommodate fifty can be reserved.

The restaurant is open daily from 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M.

Meet The Candidates

In the interest of providing voters with as much information as possible prior to the special election, we have asked the candidates to provide a summary of their qualifications. These summaries are reprinted below as they were submitted to us. Some have been edited to provide equal space for the candidates.

Two political parties have filed slates of candidates: The Bloomingdale Community Party (BCP), and The Right Way Party (RWP). In addition, several independents (IND) have also filed petitions. Candidates are identified by the office and the term which they are seeking; the initials following each person's name designate his or her party affiliation as indicated above.

Candidates for Mayor (3½ year term)

Raymond J. Friscia (RWP)

James E. King (IND)

Viola M. Morrisroe (BCP)

Candidates for Trustee (3½ year term)

Paul F. Conarty (BCP)

Joseph A. Dombrowski (RWP)

Ken LeBrun (IND)

Sandra Luedcke (RWP)

Jane Smith (IND)

Samuel J. Temuto (BCP)

Candidates for Trustee (1½ year term)

John Mahoney (BCP)

Donald "Jack" Wall (RWP)

Voter registration thru Nov. 1st

With time running short for voters to register for the special election, Village Clerk, Carol Koehler, has authorized registration to continue through election day. Qualified voters may sign in until 4:30 p.m. on November 1st at the Village Hall. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mayoral Candidates



Raymond J. Friscia. . .Ray and his wife Marie reside at 220 Applewood Lane and have been residents of Bloomingdale for the past five years. They have three children. Ray is presently a Bloomingdale Village Trustee and is Chairman of the Ordinance Committee and Bloomingdale Representative to the Tri-Town Regional Sewer Committee. His many Civic duties include that of Past President of the Westlake Townhome Association, in-

strumental in the forming of the Bloomingdale Youth Commission (presently a member of their Board of Directors) and "Buses for Bloomingdale", Chairman of the 1976 Townhomes Cancer Drive, and a member of the Bloomingdale Lions Club. He attended Monroe Business and J.P. Morgan Management Schools in New York City. Ray is presently employed as a Store manager for a major department store chain.

About Jim King. . .Jim King and his wife Diane live at 245 Wren Drive with their two daughters and son. Jim attended DePaul University where he majored in Business Administration. He is employed as an advertising salesman for a magazine publisher. As a sales representative, he works with people to solve marketing problems. As a Bloomingdale resident for 6 years, Jim has actively participated in various organizations. He is a member of the Bloomingdale Lions Club—currently serving as club secretary. . .and treasurer

of the Bloomingdale Blood Association.

Jim served a full 4-year term as a village trustee from 1973 to 1977, and is currently the chairman of the Bloomingdale Plan Commission. While serving on the Village Board, Jim was the chairman of the finance committee and was Bloomingdale's representative to the DuPage Community Development Commission for nearly two years. His final year he also served on the board of directors of the DuPage Community Development Commission.



Vi and her family moved to the Indian Lakes section of Bloomingdale in 1971. She attended Augustana College as a Science Major. Since then she has served our community through numerous organizations and projects.

Prior to being a Village Trustee, Vi was Chairperson of both the Bloomingdale Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals for three years. In addition to meeting the responsibilities of these positions, Vi was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee that worked for the successful passage of the Westfield Jr. High School referendum.

As a Village Trustee, Vi worked on the following legislative committees: Chairperson of the Plan Commission and Ar-

chitectural Review Committee, member of the Zoning Board and Building Committee, and Public Works Committee. Appointed by the Mayor and Village Board, Vi has been a conscientious representative to the DuPage Community Development Commission.

Vi believes that the work to be performed by the Bloomingdale Village Board over the next few years will be crucial in determining the long-range development and welfare of our village. Vi has the required experience, capability, dedication, and time to oversee that the Board as a whole is indeed consolidated toward mutual objectives and cooperation for the purpose of making Bloomingdale an even better place to live.

Polling Places for Special Election

Precinct No. 1:
Indian Lakes
Lakewoods
Old Town
Linnea Gardens

Polling Place:
Central School
112 Day Street

Precinct No. 3:
North Suncrest
South Suncrest
Medinah-on-the-Lake
Evergreen Terrace

Polling Place:
DuJardin School
166 Euclid

Precinct No. 5:
Lakeshore Townhomes
Colony Green Townhomes

Polling Place:
Westlake Clubhouse
299 Edgewater

Precinct No. 6:
Regency Terrace Apts.
Westlake Unit No. 1
Westlake College Sub.

Polling Place:
Winnebago School
195 Greenway

Precinct No. 2:
Westlake Churchill
Campanelli Fairfield

Polling Place:
Westfield Jr. High
149 Fairfield

Precinct No. 4:
Westlake Highlands
Westlake Sunnyside
Westlake Westwind
Westlake Comm. Unit No. 1
Westlake Comm. Unit No. 2
Deer Glen

Polling Place:
Westwind Sales Office
250 Tamarack

Polls will be open from
6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on
November 1, 1977.

Trustee Candidates

Paul F. Conarty

Paul Conarty has been a resident of Bloomingdale since 1973. He is an attorney with the Chicago law firm Ashcraft and Ashcraft. His degrees are in Law from the University of California and psychology from Loyola University. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the State Bar of California.

Paul has been appointed frequently to lend his time and talent to various projects of highly responsible nature.

In Bloomingdale, he was a member since 1974 and Chairman since 1975 of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. As a Village Trustee since April of this year, Paul worked with the following Zoning Board and Building, member of the Plan Commission and Architectural Review, and Ordinances and Licenses.

Joseph A. Dombrowski

Joe and his wife Glenys reside at 317 Cardinal Drive and have resided in Bloomingdale for the past six years. They have three children. He is a former Bloomingdale Village Trustee (1973 to 1977) and served as both Chairman of the Public Works and the Building and Zoning Committees. A career military officer, Joe retired as a Lt. Colonel after 27 years of military service in the United States Air Force. His many duties while a member of the Air Force included that of Navigator and Director of Research and Development. A graduate of the Air Force Institute of Technology and the University of Illinois, Joe holds a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering. He is presently employed as an Engineer with the Ingersol-Rand Corporation in Elmhurst.

Ken LeBrun

My wife, Mary Lou, and I have lived in Bloomingdale for almost six years. My undergraduate studies were in mechanical engineering, at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., where I was elected Class President and made the Dean's list.

I am presently finishing my senior year in law school, with concentrations in corporate and real estate law. (Also Dean's List).

My two years of experience as Realtor associate is backed by ten years experience as an engineer in the construction industry.

I recently was a featured speaker on a national lecture circuit on energy management and received national

publication for an article on energy management. In 1976, I received an award as one of five outstanding volunteer social workers in the metropolitan Chicago area.

Saundra L. Luedecke

Saundra, known to her many friends as "Sundee," and her husband August reside at 223 Millcreek Lane and have been residents of Bloomingdale for the past five years. They have two children. She is a Registered Pharmacist, receiving her Bachelors Degree in Pharmacy from Purdue University. Presently attending the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy taking continuing courses in Pharmacy. Sundee was 1st Vice-President 1973-1974, and then President 1974-1975 of the Bloomingdale Womens Club, Vice-Chairperson of the 1976 Bloomingdale Bicentennial Commission and Chairperson of its Queen Contest, continuing her work in the Queen Contest in 1977 with the Bloomingdale Jaycees, active in various Channel 11 (WTTW-TV) programs, and worked with the Bloomingdale Park District to obtain their new building and swimming pool.

John J. Mahoney

John and his wife live in the Sunnyside section and have been residents of Bloomingdale for 4½ years.

John attended Wright Jr. College and from there began building a distinguished career of 17 years with American Airlines as a Sales Representative.

Active for many years in community service, John was an advisor for the DuPage Area Vocational-Educational Authority, and on the Advisory Committee to the District No. 13 School Board. He was a Charter Member of the Bloomingdale Jaycees, is a Past Director, and in 1976 was named "Jaycee of the Year."

John is a very open person who does not hide his dislike of the 'small-town' politics that has prevailed so long in our village. He believes Bloomingdale desires better and that this and future elections will reflect a change in the right direction.

Jane Smith

My name is Jane Smith. I am running for trustee as an independent candidate. I have lived at 242 Circle Ave. for 4 years with my husband Craig and 2 daughters - both students at Du Jardin School.

I attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison and managed a local board for the Selective Service Systems in Milwaukee.

I have been active in the Bloomingdale Women's Club, the Bloomingdale Bi-

Centennial Commission's parade and picnic, and the Right to Read Commission for the Lake Park High School community. I am a member of the DuJardin PTO and do volunteer work at the school weekly.

Bloomingdale is experiencing political paralysis. The political party struggles have, in my view, created the condition.

I propose we resurrect the elements of courtesy, cooperation, and compromise, in order to formulate goals that represent the interests of the people.

Samuel J. Tenufo

Sam, his wife and their three children have been residents in the Churchill section of Bloomingdale for five years. He has been associated with several civic and local charitable organizations as well as being a coach for the Bloomingdale Little League.

Sam is a graduate of Columbia with degrees in Business Administration and Communications. He is a Director of the Bank Marketing Association and a Senior Management Consultant for Fifth Estate Media.

Much of Sam's financial and business experience was acquired with the firms: Arthur Andersen & Co., the Midwest Stock Exchange, and the McDonald's Corp.

Sam has stated that first and foremost a Village Trustee must be receptive to the needs of the citizens as human beings. Very real needs exist and concern for the future is something we all share. Behind the public trust, responsibilities, and work that a Trustee assumes must be a personal commitment to do the most thorough and best job possible.

Donald Jack Wall

Jack and his wife Dolores reside at 159 S. Prairie Avenue and have been residents of Bloomingdale for the past 20 years. They have four children. Jack is widely known having served as Village Trustee and Mayor of Bellwood, Illinois, Bloomingdale Township Clerk, Forest Preserve Commissioner and County Board Member of DuPage County from 1932 to 1972. He brings with him a vast amount of knowledge and experience in Municipal Government. He is a member of the Bloomingdale Lions Club and Bloomingdale V.F.W. Post No. 5813. He is self-employed as a Shopping Centers Consultant. Before entering into private business, he was National Real Estate Manager for the Open Pantry and Covenant Food Marts and Senior Lease Negotiator for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.

Oblio Returns

The Chief's Desk



The Oblio Children's Theater will return to Bloomingdale to celebrate the New Year with its fifth season of winter entertainment.

Oblio is again offering a new series of six fun-filled "happenings" intended to increase a child's awareness and enjoyment of the arts. All performers, professional entertainers known for their work with children, involve the audience in their antics.

This year's program, suggested for ages 4-12, opens on Saturday, January 14, at 1:30 PM at the DeJardin School, 163 S. Euclid, in Bloomingdale.

- January 14 Elia Jenkins Hertenanny
- January 21 Story Machine

- January 28 Bo-Dino, Dean of Clowns
- February 4 Windy City Winds
- February 11 Peeko Puppets
- February 18 Dances of Latin America

Ticket books for the series of six performances are available at the Circle Park Recreation Building for \$5.00 with seating limited to 300. Deadline December 16.

Oblio continues to expand its experiences in the arts with more and more workshops for 10 and 15 children. Currently in session is a clown workshop with other groups planned throughout the year. Call the Bloomingdale Park District at 523-3350 for more details.

Getting a car ready for winter's worst isn't difficult, according to Chief Patrick J. McMahon. "Motorists who drive cars that stall in today's weather are sure to stall later when snow and colder temperatures set in. That means that drivers who 'stall off' needed vehicle maintenance now are apt to wind up waiting in line at a service station on the first bad winter day—assuming they're lucky enough to get that far!"

Basic suggestions and tips, endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, have been recommended by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Habits.

GET A COMPLETE TUNE-UP FOR YOUR CAR. This is important, not just to get going on cold mornings, but to prevent erratic engine behavior that could cause skidding on winter slick roads.

In addition to timing and plugs, have the mechanic check your battery, the entire electrical and heater defrost systems. Anti-freeze and windshield washer fluid must offer adequate protection for the coldest temperatures you'll encounter.

HAVE BRAKES CHECKED. Unequal braking on slippery surfaces is almost sure to cause dangerous skidding.

HAVE EXHAUST SYSTEM CHECKED. Even a small leak can result in deadly carbon monoxide build-up in the driver's compartment.

REPLACE WORN WINDSHIELD WIPERS BLADES. Wipers crack and go dead during summer heat. If wipers streak in rain, the problem will be magnified when they must move snow or sleet from a cold windshield.

CHECK ALL VEHICLE LIGHTS—KEEP LENSES CLEAN. Reduced visibility and increased stopping distance in winter make good lighting critical.

CHECK YOUR TIRES. Worn treads significantly reduce stopping and starting traction on slippery pavements. Make certain that the tires on your car are up to par.

CARRY EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT IN YOUR TRUNK. Safety equipment should include: booster cables, a traction mat, a shovel, safety flares or reflectors; a tow chain; extra windshield washer solvent; a window scraper and paper towels; and a pair of heavy gloves.

Do these suggestions work? "We're winterizing our department's vehicles using these same guidelines right now," Chief McMahon concluded.

"You won't see many stalled police vehicles—not if there's anything we can do NOW to avoid the problem!"

Racquetball Club to open

Killshot, Ltd., after several weeks of rain delay in construction, will be opening in November. Members will be compensated for the postponement, according to Manager Don Jenkins. Killshot will have a grand opening party in the near future, to which all members and interested observers will be invited.

The club will offer 8 climate-controlled handball racquetball courts. It will also offer a cocktail lounge, two-way fireplace, attended nursery, and juice bar. Included as well will be saunas, a whirlpool, massage rooms, sunlamps, and a fully-equipped pro shop with racquet rental and repair available.

A large variety of lessons and leagues will be offered to people of all ages and abilities. Competitive programs will be held throughout the year, including challenge ladders in all divisions, in-house tournaments, round robin leagues, men's and women's traveling leagues, and a special "Challenge the Pro" program.

Killshot will be featuring a slimnastics class in January, which will concentrate on conditioning those muscles which are used during racquetball play.

Two major tournaments are scheduled to be played in February at the club. On the 3rd, 4th and 5th, it will host the 1st Annual Mid-Winter Chicagoland Dental Society 4-wall Championship, and on the 17th, 18th, and 19th, the 1st Racquetball Everyone Tournament, offering all divisions of play.

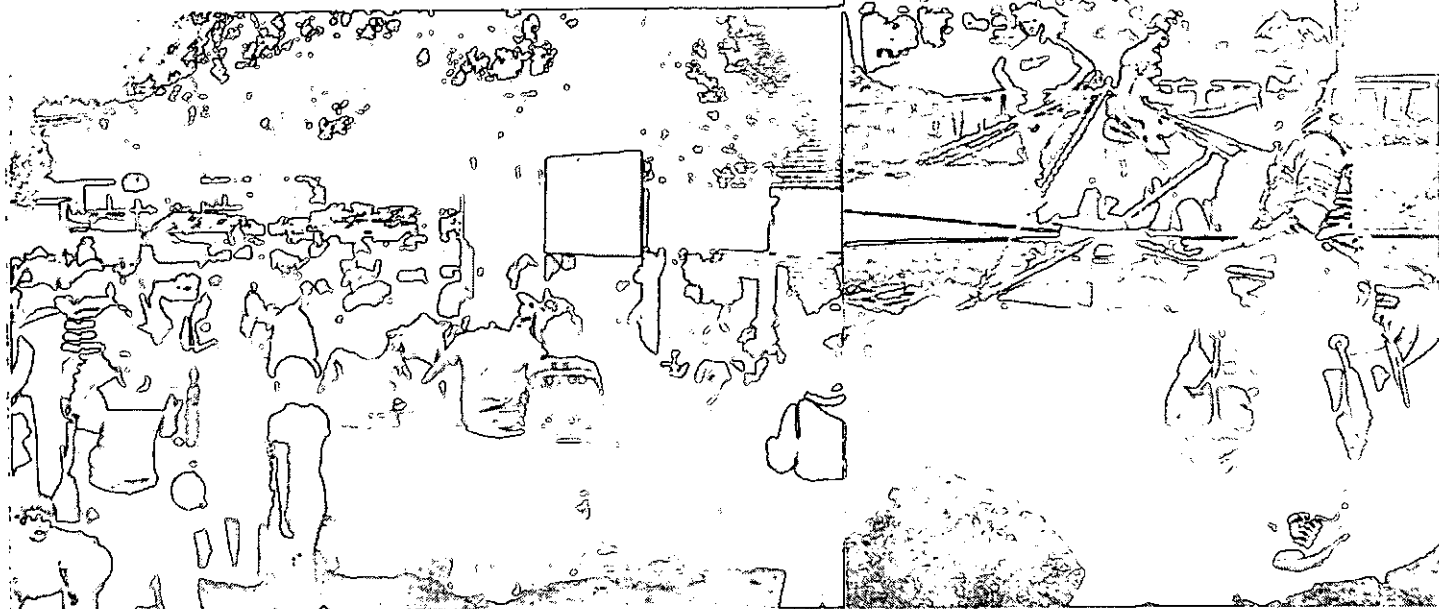
Memberships are still available, as well as permanent court time. Call 893-9575 for more information.

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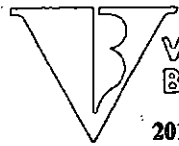
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Bloomingtondale's First Queen Crowned

Lisa LoPresti, 16, was crowned September 18, 1977, as Bloomingtondale's 1st Festival Queen. Lisa, who lives at 134 S. Circle, was the youngest of the candidates, who were all judged 50 per cent on an interview with six judges and 50 per cent on an essay written by them. As Festival Queen Lisa will participate for the next year in various civic group activities which began with their presentation to the Village of Bloomingtondale Board of Trustees on September 26, 1977. The other finalists, Diane Mahlke, 17, and Donna Petramale, 18, will serve this year as members of her court.

In addition to her crown, Lisa received a sterling silver charm bracelet and charm and a \$100 savings bond. Each of the two members of her court received a silver charm and a \$50 savings bond.

Lisa has been a resident of Bloomingtondale for 15 years and so can certainly call it her "hometown." She is a junior at Lake Park High School where she is involved in the Junior Class Council and Lancettes. She has worked as a volunteer with retarded children at the Marklund Home, as a nurse's aid caring for the elderly at the Bloomingtondale Pavilion, and this past summer at the Bloomingtondale Park District as a "relief worker." She greatly loves Bloomingtondale and states that the town "... may be small, but I feel content, as far as friendly people and a beautiful place to live, ... is much more meaningful than quantity." As for her reasons for wanting to be Festival Queen, she stated "... to represent Bloomingtondale and to express to others, my feelings of pride, living in a warm community like Bloomingtondale." Bloomingtondale can be very proud of its first Festival Queen, Lisa LoPresti.



Bloomingtondale Royalty - Diane Mahlke, Queen Lisa LoPresti, Donna Petramale.



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