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THE MAYOR'S DIRECT LINE

Property Taxes Assessed In 1984 / Paid In 1985 Village/Library

The property tax bills received recently in Bloomingdale reflect a decrease in the Village/Library tax rate from \$.7122 to \$.6705 which resulted in a decrease in the dollars paid for a typical single-family residential home to the Village/Library by about \$8.00 to \$10.00.

The Village portion of this tax rate was reduced from \$.4345 to \$.3930 which means that the dollars paid to the Village itself on a typical single-family unit decreased by a range of \$10.00 or more. The Library portion of the tax rate decreased from \$.2777 to \$.2775.

We take pride in the further decrease in the Village portion of the tax rate. Next year's Village portion of the tax rate will be about \$.3700 which will again reduce the taxes paid on a typical single-family unit by about \$6.00 to \$8.00.

Although the Library and Village are separate and independent governing bodies, both are combined on your property tax bill, in one total.

The 1984 Village tax rate would have increased substantially if it were not for the Village Board's abatement



(reduction) of \$639,885.00 in property taxes from your tax bill.

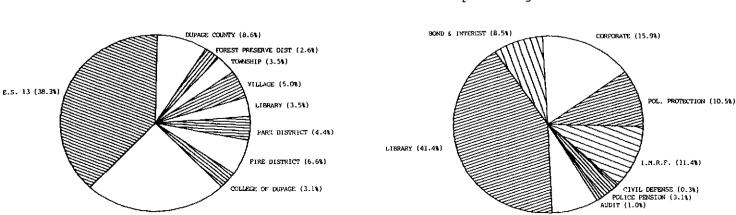
Since 1980, the Village Board has abated taxes amounting to \$99,800.00 payable in 1981; \$138,000.00 payable in 1982; \$462,452.00 payable in 1983; the amount of \$552,897.50 in 1984; and \$639,885.00 payable in 1985. We intend to continue to implement fiscal policies that will further decrease the burden on local property taxes.

The tax rate of .3930 for the Village portion only is by far one of the lowest in DuPage County; and comprises only 5.0% of your total property tax bill. This compares favorably with other local taxing bodies shown on the tax bill. (See Pie Chart titled "Typical Residential Tax Bill").

The other Pie Chart titled "Village Property Tax Levy" details the percentage breakdown of the portion of the tax bill titled "Village of Bloomingdale". As can be observed, the major portions of the funds collected are spent on operating the Library and the General Corporate Fund.

VILLAGE & LIBRARY LEVY

percentage breakdown



TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL TAX BILL percentage breakdown

H.S. 108 (24.3%)

LIAB. INSURANCE (7.9%)

Samuel J. Tenuto VILLAGE PRESIDENT Marie E. Tayfel VILLAGE CLERK Robert F. Reeves VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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CONSERVE WATER

As we go into the hot, dry summer months, it is important that all residents recognize the need to conserve one of our most important natural resources - WATER. As many of us have read in the newspapers, there are severe shortages throughout the United States and also significant declining water tables in wells in the Chicago suburban areas. In order to lengthen the life of these wells and to help forestall further expenses involved in drilling new wells or lowering existing pumps, it is important to practice appropriate conservation methods.

These conservation methods during the summertime are normally involved with cutting back on unnecessary sprinkling, making the most out of the sprinkling that is done and washing cars with hose nozzles that shut off automatically.

VILLAGE BOARD & COMMISSION MEETINGS

The public is encouraged to attend all Board & Commission meetings. **REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD** 2nd and 4th Monday of every Month 7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month 7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every Month 8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS 3rd Thursday of Every Month 7:00 P.M. — Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD Quarterly beginning in January 2nd Monday, 7:00 P.M. — Village Hall

FINANCE COMMISSION 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every Month 7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

OLD TOWN COMMISSION 3rd Wednesday of every Month 8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS 3rd Wednesday of every Month 7:30 P.M. — Library

COMMISSION CHANGES

Lenore Lawrence served on the Bloomingdale Transportation Committee from 1980 to 1985. At the May 13 Village Board meeting she was given a plaque in appreciation of her years of service. At that same meeting Lawrence was appointed to the Old Town Commission to fill a term of office expiring in February 1988.

Edward Levato, attorney-at-law and former president of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, was appointed to the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals with terms expiring May, 1988 and May 1989, respectively.

NEW VILLAGE DEPARTMENT

The Village Board and administrative staff recently undertook an organizational study of the Village services. From the results of the study, the Departments of Public Works and Engineering and the Department of Building and Zoning have been combined into the new Department of Community Services. The new department will be headed by Dan Wennerholm who was formerly the Director of Public Works and Village Engineer.

The duties of the new department of Community Services include building permits, plan reviews, installation of public improvements, oversight of major road programs and inspections of all building and engineering projects in the Village.

NOTICE

During the summer months of June, July and August the Village Hall will be closed on Saturdays. Regular weekday hours are 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.



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BOARD ACTIONS

- Res. 85-R-2 Resolution of Appreciation to area businessmen for their contributions to Student Career Day.
- Res. 85-R-3 Resolution of Appreciation to Michael Zivic, assistant principal of Westfield School, for his efforts in organizing Student Career Day.
- Ord. 85-10 Ordinance combining the positions of Director of Public Works and Engineering and Director of Building and Zoning.
- Ord. 85-13 Ordinance amending planned unit development ordinance No. 82-34 by granting a B-3 special use PUD to permit construction of an appliance store and adjacent retail rental space at 440 Army Trail Road (Fretter Square).
- Ord. 85-14 Ordinance amending the sign provisions of the Bloomingdale Zoning Ordinance, Article XIV relating to signs announcing rummage or garage sales.

GARAGE SALE SIGNS

In an attempt to clarify and strengthen our control over placement of garage sale signs, the Village Board adopted Ordinance 85-14 on May 13, 1985.

For clarity, the body of the Ordinance is repeated as follows:

Section 1 and Section 2

"Signs Announcing or Describing Rummage or Garage Sales

- (a) No rummage sale or garage sale sign shall exceed three (3) square feet in surface area, and no such sign shall be placed or otherwise erected for more than three (3) consecutive days at a location permitted under this ordinance. Only one such sign shall be allowed on the premises where the sale is taking place, unless such property has frontage on two public streets, in which case two (2) signs are permitted, one at each frontage.
- (b) Three additional locations (not to include the public right-of-way or any buildings or structures thereon) may be selected for placement of rummage sale or garage sale signs announcing the same sale. Any sign to be placed on property owned by others must have verifiable permission of that property owner.
- (c) No garage sale or rummage sale signs shall be posted or displayed on street light poles, utility poles, street sign or traffic sign poles, on or within vehicles, or be placed in such a location to cause an obstruction to the clear view of traffic.
- (d) No rummage sale or garage sale signs shall be erected before 6:00 A.M. nor remain after 7:00 P.M. on any day of the sale. No such signs shall be erected prior to the sale date, and all signs must be removed by 7:00 P.M. on each day.
- (e) All such signs shall have the house number and the date(s) of the sale printed legibly and be dark printing on a light background.
- (f) No sale items shall be located and no activities shall be conducted on a public sidewalk, parkway area or other public property. Further, no sale items shall be left out for display later than 7:00 P.M. on any day.
- (g) No more than three (3) rummage or garage sales shall be conducted on the same premises in any calendar year. One rummage or garage sale shall be limited to a period of not more than three (3) consecutive days and shall be conducted only during the hours between 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. The sale shall be conducted without the use of outdoor speakers, other amplification equipment, or illuminated advertising devices.
- (h) The person conducting the garage sale must notify the Chief of Police or his designate of the sale prior to the commencement of the sale."

"Garage/Rummage Sale Sign

There shall be a maximum of two such signs not to exceed three (3) square feet per sign on each zoning lot, in compliance with the provisions of Section 14.3 C (9). No garage sale/rummage sign shall exceed five (5) feet in height measured from the curb line."

Any residents who have questions about this Ordinance should contact the Village of Bloomingdale, Department of Community Services at 893-7000.

VILLAGE JOINS MARKETING GROUP

The Village of Bloomingdale has become the fifth northwest suburban community to join the Greater Woodfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, the area's new meeting and tourism marketing arm.

The Village will look to the Bureau to assist us in marketing the many fine tourist attractions we have here, including Stratford Square Mall, Indian Lakes Resort, and of course, the unique Old Town development. The GWCVB also includes Arlington Heights, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows and Schaumburg.

POLICE PURCHASE DOLLS

The Bloomingdale Police Department recently purchased a set of anatomically correct rag dolls to be used in the investigation of sexual child abuse. The set of four dolls consists of a mother, father, brother and sister.

Children usually become very nervous and shy when trying to explain a case of sexual abuse. Many times they have their own names for the parts of the body as they are too young to know the anatomical names. By using these dolls, the child, without having to go into great verbal detail, can show the investigator what had transpired, giving a better understanding of the true facts of the case.

The dolls are also available for use by the schools in the event of suspicion of sexual abuse of a student.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE IS JULY 25

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FOSTER CARE NEEDED

The Bloomingdale Township Committee on Youth is a community based agency providing youth and family counseling, crisis intervention and community education programs. It is now initiating a Foster Care Recruitment program.

Each year the committee receives referrals from local police departments on approximately 30 runaway youths who may require an alternative living environment. During the past year 12 percent of the runaway referrals came from the Bloomingdale Police Department. Currently those youths needing emergency housing are placed outside the township.

Foster Homes are needed for local girls and boys aged 10 to 17 who need temporary, emergency foster care, not to exceed 21 days. A community-based foster home provides a safe, caring environment that is the least disruptive to the youth's school, job or network of support.

Individuals interested in foster parenting can receive more information from Kathy Thayer of Bloomingdale Township at 893-6685.

SPECIAL NEEDS DISPLAY

During the month of June the Bloomingdate Public Library will be hosting a display of items available for physically and visually handicapped residents through the DuPage County Library.



Now that all the details have been worked out between the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce and the Park District regarding the Fourth of July celebration, the program is being put into place.

A full lineup of entertainment is being arranged for the daylong festivities beginning about noon. For the children there will be rides, clowns. roving minstrels and lots of pop. For the adults there will be dancing plus a wide variety of music, as well as beer and wine.

There will also be break dancing competition throughout the day. Prizes will be awarded on a variety of levels. Anyone interested may contact Lori Heurman at 980-9082.

The main emphasis of the day will

be directed toward "A Taste of Bloomingdale." This phase of the celebration brings together the finest food preparers in the area to tantalize the tastebuds. There are still a few booths open for food sales. Restaurant owners are encouraged to call the Chamber at 980-9082 to reserve a booth.

At the end of the day the darkness will be interrupted by the traditional fireworks display. This year's display promises to be super.

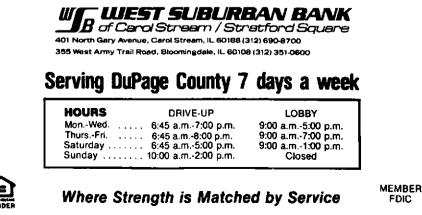
Make your plans today to spend the fourth at the Bloomingdale Great American Fourth of July Festival. With entertainment for all ages, it will be a well-rounded day of fun to spend with your family and community.

BUSINESSES ACKNOWLEDGED

The following businesses were honored by Resolution 85-R-2 for their contributions toward Student Career Day:

Sporty's of Bloomingdale **Plitt Theatres** Carlos Sweenevs Portillo's (Springbrook) Do It To It West Suburban Bank Bloominodale State Bank Household Bank Econ-O-Mart Cartwheels Consolidated Display Co. Inc.

Wilson Sporting Goods Talman Savings & Loan Pathway Financial Dunkin Donuts McDonald's Houlihan's Granny's Ice Cream Connie's Pizza Pizza Hut Maremont Corporation **Camelot Real Estate** Metrovision of DuPage





Mayor Sam Tenuto reads a plaque of appreciation for Judge Duane Walter. The judge's mother, Mrs. May Walter, longtime resident, was on hand to see her son honored.



REFLECTIONS

"Six years ago, I was offered the superintendency of School District #13, when I hadn't finished interviewing with the other two districts I was considering in the area. I had spent many years in unit districts, and was not really experienced in a small district like Bloomingdale. But this seemed like such a friendly, caring, active community, that I decided to accept. I have never been sorry. My happiest years in education have been spent right here."

Brandt Crocker will retire as superintendent of School District #13 on June 30. Since he took the position in 1979, he has been a part of the community, serving on the Village Capital Improvement Commission, Finance Commission, Sesquicentennial Commission, taking charge of youth-related activities, and has been an active member of the Lions Club. He also served as emcee of the talent show at Septemberfest, and has been a speaker throughout the community, including a church group.

"I believe that a person who is in a position to affect the taxes of the people in the community should share some of the pain that is associated with that and should be aware of the impact he or she makes. As principal spokesperson for the school district, I have always felt that a superintendent should reside in that district and be reasonably active in the community's affairs.

"My wife, Judy, and I are avid walkers, and enjoy the parks of the community. One can find a very wooded, secluded area in Circle Park, a tranquil environment in the middle of a busy, active community. In Bloomingdale, there is the unique combination of easy access to the city and all its assets, with many things to do locally.

of Dr. Brandt Crocker as told to Helen Peek

"Sometimes we look around the shops or stop for ice cream. Whenever we have visitors from out of town, we always show them Old Town, Stratford Square and Indian Lakes. While the school district doesn't have the advantage of taxes from Stratford Square, it is a source of pride to have such facilities available locally.

"Just stopping in at any of the Park District facilities, will show you tremendous numbers of people taking advantage of the opportunities to use the parks, gymnasium or classrooms. It is a community with lots of opportunities, and they are taken advantage of. It is heartwarming to see the number of children and adults doing things together.

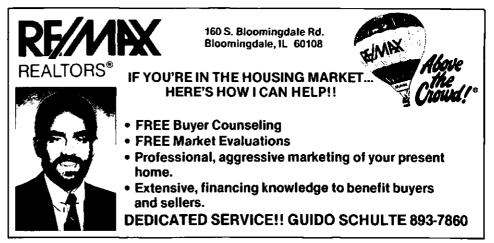


"Of course, what I will miss most is going around to the schools and seeing what the children are doing. There are those who contend that children can't behave in school unless they are under supervision. They should walk through our schools to see that we expect children to accept responsibility for their own behavior, and they do so. Our schools are not what I would call 'egg crate schools', that is, each classroom is not a closed-in space. You see many groups engaged in various activities, yet each is respectful of the others.

"When I walk through the schools, I take great pride in our students and our staff. Just look around at the walls, and you will see examples of student work everywhere. You also see that teachers spend a great amount of time preparing exhibits, and making the classrooms a place that is a pleasure for the student to come to. The upkeep of the school grounds and buildings also reflects our pride in being a part of the community."

Dr. Crocker does not plan to leave our community. He and his wife plan to continue to live in Bloomingdale, while he does consulting work in the educational field. Judy Crocker is principal of Whittier Elementary School in Wheaton.

Good luck, Dr. Crocker.



110,778 REASONS WHY IT WAS A GREAT YEAR An Annual Report from the Bloomingdale Public Library

The Bloomingdale Public Library Experienced another fiscal year of growth and expansion. People are using us more than ever before, as our circulation of 110,778 materials shows. That breaks down to nearly nine pieces of material checked out for every person living in Bloomingdale!

The library also grew in a number of other important ways during the year — collection size, programs and services. This brief report is a summary of activities for the year, and is a reflection of our Village's strong interest in and support of its library.

INCOME

The library is able to open its doors each week because of the major financial support it receives from the taxpayers of Bloomingdale. Sources of income for the library for the past year were:

Property Taxes	80%
Fines & Fees	9%
Interest	7%
Grants	3%
Donations	1%

EXPENSES

The library's operating expenses for the year were:

 Staff salaries and benefits 	58%
 Books and magazines We were able to increase our book collection by 3810 and add 25 new magazine and newspaper titles. 	15%
 Building/grounds/equipment maintenance and janitorial 	9%
• Utilities and insurance Thanks to a franchise agreement through the Village of Bloomingdale with the utility companies, the library receives free gas and electricity for most of the year.	4%
 Supplies and furnishings 	4%
• Audio/visual materials & equipment The library added 309 new records and cassettes to its collection last year, as well as a record player and two Polaroid cameras for check-out.	2%
 Computerization During the fiscal year nearly 75% of our collection and 25% of our registered card holders were entered 	2%

into our library system computer in preparation for computerizing our check-out system this fall.

Programs 1%
 Programs for preschools were expanded by making regular quarterly visits to day care centers in Bloomingdale.

 A first time series of programs for Senior Citizens was also given in the library.

 All other 5%

In addition to the items listed, the library also:

- Added a Notary Public to its staff as a free service to the public.
- Established a summer reading program for teenagers.
- Created Kaleidoscope, a newsletter for local elementary school teachers about library services.
- Completed a self-evaluation program using Avenues to Excellence, a document of standards developed by the State of Illinois.

FORECAST

While the library is proud of its accomplishments for the year, it looks forward to achieving future goals. A sampling of next year's goals follows:

Create a local history collection from materials donated by the Historical Society.

Go "on-line" with our check-out system on September 1, 1985.

Create an informational brochure about the library for new patrons.

Make a microcomputer and software available for public use.

Conduct a community survey to determine library needs of local users.

Investigate computerized reference service using commercial data bases.



SEPTEMBERFEST SCHEDULED

The 13th annual Septemberfest celebration is on indeed, thanks to a number of people who graciously volunteered to put it together. The committee is made up of organization members and concerned citizens.

Septemberfest is scheduled for September 8 from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. (raindate Sept. 15). There are applications now available for booth spaces. Spaces are 6 x 10 ft. and \$15. Exhibitors must provide their own tables and chairs.

After exhibitors have made \$200 in profit, a donation of 10% of remaining profit is to be given to the Septemberfest committee. This is to enable the committee to have start up money for the 1986 Septemberfest. Applications are available at the Village Hall. For further information call Vi Morrisroe, Septemberfest Chairman, at 980-7723 or leave a message at 893-7000.

Anyone willing to serve on the Septemberfest Committee (all help graciously accepted) please contact the chairman.

ACS SEEKS MEMBERS

The Bloomingdale Unit of the American Cancer Society is looking for new members. The purpose of the American Cancer Society is to encourage, foster and conduct programs for continuing education of the public concerning the detection, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cancer; to conduct an annual education fundraising crusade; and to conduct programs of service and rehabilitation.

Anyone interested in joining should call the ACS at 469-3011.

THANKS

The United Ostomy Association of Northern DuPage County would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped make their recent flower show a huge success. Over 200 people were in attendance at Indian Lakes on April 10.

Through the generosity of the following individuals and community groups, the library was able to purchase books, magazine subscriptions and equipment with their donations.

Bloomingdale-Glendale Heights JayCees Bloomingdale Women's Club Friends of the Library Warren G. Gnau Paul Ingevaldson Lions Club of Bloomingdale Mr. & Mrs. Martin Reed & Family P.J. Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Vivian Krotz Lakeside Roofing, Inc. David Nass Richard Pape Carol Smolla John & Lorraine Olriksen Winnebago P.T.O.

DR. PAUL K. ROSENBERG OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

980-3366

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A NEW LOOK AT AN OLD AREA

Many months in the making, DuPage Roots by Richard Thompson et al. has recently been published by the **DuPage County Historical Society** and purchased by the Bloomingdale Public Library. The chapter on Bloomingdale, written by Thomas J. and Patti Lee Perkins, covers our community's history from the glacial age to the 1983 sesquicentennial celebration. Did you know that the Village Board used to meet at Hollenbach's bowling alley? Or that at one time drivers of automobiles were required to sound a gong or a bell at street crossings?

Get a fresh look at Bloomingdale and other communities in the county by asking for *DuPage Roots* next time you're in the library. Or call the library at 529-3120 and we'll reserve a copy for you.



While classmates watch her technique, Cassie Tessmer slides a shirt off "Annebabe" at the library's Red Cross baby-sitting class.



NEW BUSINESS BRIEFS

HOUSEHOLD BANK OPENS

Our latest bank to open is Household Bank at 261 E. Lake Street. Household Bank, a federally insured savings bank, is part of Household International which has assets of over \$8 billion.

Joe Green, who manages the seven west suburban banks, stated that every year, eight out of ten American families use the products and services of Household International. Examples are Household Finance Corporation, founded in 1878, with offices throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom; Thermos, Vacuumware; National Car Rental Systems, Inc., the nation's third largest car rental company and Ben Franklin variety stores.

Household Bank has other branches located in California, Colorado, lowa, Kansas, Maryland and Ohio. Services offered besides checking and savings programs include personal, mortgage, auto and student loans. In addition, money orders, travelers' checks, safe deposit boxes, direct deposit, telephone transfer and Visa/MasterCard charge cards are offered.

For additional information pertaining to services offered call Household Bank at 894-5400.

BLOOMINGDALE OFFICE SUPPLIES

Area residents Chester and Pat Just recently opened an office supply store in Circle Center, 185 E. Lake Street. Chester's extensive experience in data processing, and Pat's office experience were the basis for considering opening a store. When a friend said he thought Bloomingdale needed an office supply store, their idea was confirmed. In May the store became a reality.

As this is their first business, the Justs used store planners to help them organize and set up the merchandise presentation. They became a Boise Cascade distributor to be sure they had a complete assortment of office supplies not only for the home use customers, but also for businesses needing both office supplies and equipment.

The store stocks supplies from the basic bond paper, pens, pencils and rubber stamps to electronic equipment, print wheels, printer ribbons, computer 5¼ disc and more. Equipment available includes office furniture, computer stands and calculators to name a few.

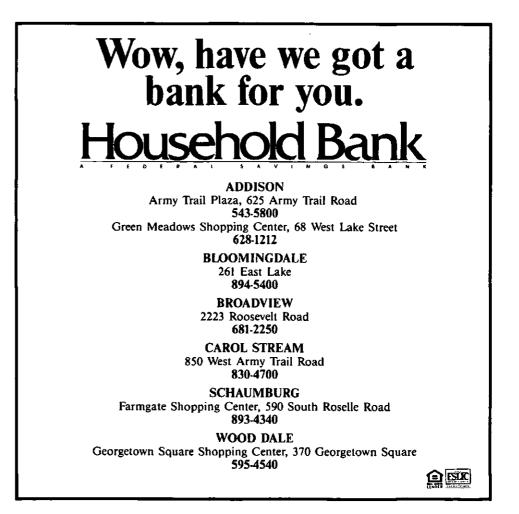
For any office needs, come by Bloomingdale Office Supplies. The Justs will also come to your place of business if you desire. Call 529-9126. During the month of June grand opening specials are being offered.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Bloomingdale Township offers doorto-door service to all Township residents, Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Sunday service is also available between the hours of 10 A.M. and 3 P.M., provided a minimum of ten requests for service are received.

All vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts. The general fare is \$1 each way or 50¢ each way for senior citizens, handicapped persons or students. Children under seven, accompanied by an adult, ride for free. Transfers are available north and south of the township borders at a cost of 10¢ each.

Reservations for transportation must be made no less than two days in advance by calling 893-7555.



ABOUT TOWN

DAVID KEMP, Lake Park High School senior and president of Student Council, was recently elected to a one-year term as Student Governor of Illinois as part of the "Youth in Government" program. In this position he has addressed the Illinois Senate and House in Springfield, and will fly to Washington, D.C. this month to participate in the Youth Governors Conference.

One of 800 candidates for the office, Kemp won by a landslide during the annual "invasion" of Springfield last March. Students actually used the governor's office, legislative chambers, committee rooms and state courtrooms as they held elections, passed legislation and pleaded courtroom cases.

SUSAN CONWAY, kindergarten teacher at DuJardin School, was named one of 50 outstanding kindergarten teachers in Illinois by the Illinois State Kindergarten Conference earlier this year.

Seventeen-year old JEAN PAUL



GUDKA received his Eagle Scout Badge from Boy Scout Troop 46 in April. The Glenbard North junior was given special recognition at the May 13 Village Board meeting for his achievement.

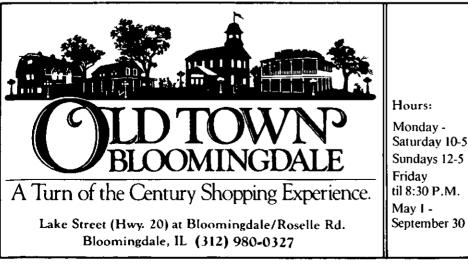
The Bloomingdale Women's Club recently awarded two scholarships to high school seniors and one to a woman continuing her education. **TINA GORO** of Glenbard North plans to attend the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana majoring in elementary education. **ANDREW FINKO** of Lake Park High School



Kitty Cooney congratulates Andrew Finko as BWC president Cris Dujmovic looks on.

also plans to attend the University of Illinois majoring in biomedical engineering.

DEE LALAGOS, single mother of two was awarded the woman's scholarship. The registered nurse intends to pursue a master's degree in business administration at Rosary College.



YOUNG ASTRONAUTS

Winnebago School was chosen as an official "pilot school" for the Young Astronaut Program earlier this year. The program is designed to stimulate the study of science and math, as well as acquainting youngsters with the basics of aerospace-related careers.

Winnebago students Bryan Pape and Anthony DeMoon were privileged to attend the U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. from April 7 - 12. The two youngsters experienced a variety of activities from learning principles of rocketry to a simulated Space Shuttle mission.





Dennis Szafran, Public Works Operations Supt., accepts an official proclamation from Mayor Sam Tenuto in honor of National Public Works Week.

OLD CLUB... NEW NAME

The Welcome Wagon of Bloomingdale recently changed its name to the Villagers of Bloomingdale. The organization has always been a notfor-profit social and civic club, making yearly donations to worthwhile causes. Their most recent donation of \$500 was to a needy single parent of two children in Bloomingdale Township. The name "Welcome Wagon," however, caused confusion as to the non-profit status.

The Villagers of Bloomingdale will continue to provide an opportunity for new and old female residents to get to know one another and share special interests within the club. The wide range of activities sponsored by the group makes it almost a club for the whole family.

Coming up is a Ladies' Day Away to Naperville Estates Parade of Homes on June 19; kids' outings to Blackberry Farm on June 11 and Pirate's Cave on July 17. Also in July will be a couples' Bar-B-Que.

The Villagers extend an open invitation to residents to participate in any of their summer activities. For more information call Carol, 980-1504 or Sue, 894-8610.



The Bloomingdale Women's Club is looking for artists and craftsmen interested in displaying and selling their original works at the BWC 13th annual Festival of Arts on September 8. It is an all juried fair with cash prizes awarded in both fine arts and craft divisions.

For more information on the crafts division call Connie, 529-0621 or Kathy, 529-4731. On fine arts call Lynne, 980-5078 or Christa, 377-1350. Proceeds from this year's festival will go to the Bloomingdale Food Pantry and the BWC Scholarship Fund.



Dale and Kathy Budde were honored recently by the BWC for all the time and goods they provide for the club.



Beth Kelly (above) and Tammy Denemark (below) lent their help as models in the BWC "Passport to Fashion."



EDUCATION FOR OLDER ADULTS

If you're age 60 or over, and think the library is just a place to read books, Bloomingdale Public Library has something for you that will have you packing your suitcase and heading off for an educational adventure.

It's the ELDERHOSTEL Catalog: 125-plus pages of challenging programs for older adults which take place on the campuses of colleges, universities and other institutions of learning all over the United States, Canada and in more than a dozen countries around the world.

Come to the library soon to peruse the latest ELDERHOSTEL program offerings.

EXHIBITION

Bloomingdale resident and emerging artist Suzanne Garnier will have an exhibition of her work at Bloomingdale Public Library during the month of June. Her use of color and light give Garnier's subjects a realism so vivid they seem alive. For this rare opportunity to see a collection of her work, stop by the library this month.



CHILDREN'S CORNER BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY



It's time to plan for vacation fun. Be sure to make regular visits to the library a part of your summer days.

The 11th annual Summer Reading Game will begin with signup on Monday, June 17th. The reading program theme for this year is a journey through the "100 Acre Wood." Winnie-the-Pooh and all of his friends will travel with you as you read your way to a goal of 25 books read by summer's end. A grand party on Saturday, August 24th, will feature a full-length Winnie-the-Pooh movie, awards and surprises.

Disney cartoons will be shown at the library every Saturday at 2 o'clock during July and August, and Bedtime Story treats for toddlers will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 on June 26, July 3, 10, and 24.

Join us for Happy Summer Days at the Library.

DISTRICT 13 NEWS

by Karen Gerovac, Board of Education President

As part of our ongoing review of textbooks, the social studies area has been reviewed this year, and a new series of books adopted for next year. The Scott, Foresman Social Studies series for grades one through five offers special features such as map and globe study skills, thinking skills and citizenship. One special feature is called "Someone You Should Know," which features people who were important in our history, but didn't necessarily become famous. The series offers teachers lesson plans, objectives and activities for students of all grade levels and every ability level.

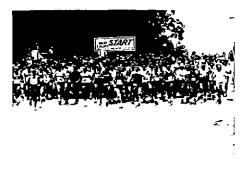
At the junior high level, an updated textbook for American history has been chosen, "America Is", published by Charles Merrill Company. Normally we review textbooks every five years, but due to budget problems two years ago, the social studies textbooks have not been replaced for seven years.

The Board has hired Anthony G. Scariano of the law firm of Scariano, Kula and Ellch to represent us in the upcoming negotiations for a contract with our teaching staff. The Illinois Federation of Teachers, which represents our staff, will be represented by Robert Peickert of that organization. We look forward to a contract that will continue the excellent relationship we have had in the past.

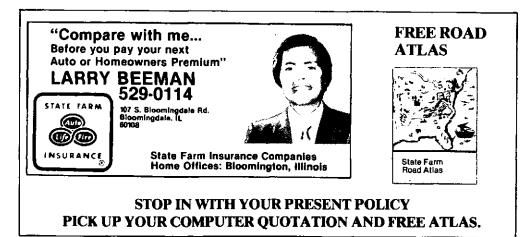
We have been especially proud of some of the accomplishments of our students recently. At Westfield, eighth-graders recently placed 10th nationally in mathematics competition, while Westfield at all levels placed 19th nationally. Rodger Himmel's outstanding jazz band took part in the Mundelein Jazz Fest, bringing home three first place ratings from the college-level music judges.

At Central, three students' plays were performed by Child's Play Touring Theatre. They were Karl Vollendorf, Katie Mendygral and Sam Bonnan. Twelve other students received certificates for excellence in writing. DuJardin students whose works were performed were Karen Applehoff, Mary Ellen Campagna and Stephanie Jelks.

In the recent spelling competition sponsored by the Chicago Tribune, Anil Gurnaney and Crystal Belden represented our district in regional competition. After spelling nearly 300 words, Anil came in 6th and Crystal 12th among the 28 contestants.



The Bloomingdale Lions Club sponsored its 8th annual Half-a-thon and 10K races on June 1. The event has grown from the original concept of a fun run to the club's biggest fundraiser. One hundred percent of the entry fees go to charity.





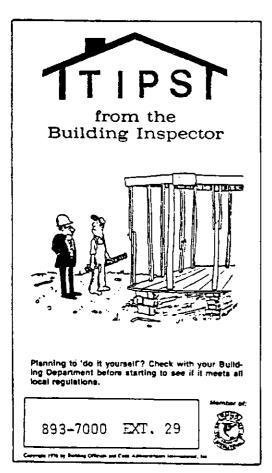
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DO teach your children not to talk with strangers. DO tell them not to approach vehicles. DO teach them that it is right to tell if someone inappropriately touches them.

WATCH'EM SAYS... is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch Program. To learn more about the prevention of crime in your neighborhood, contact Yvonne at 893-6197 or Detective Scott Stick at 529-9868.





Bloomingdale Fashion Center recently began construction on the south side of Army Trail Rd. at Wheaton Rd. The center will have two major stores - Marshall's and Designer Depot, and approximately 40 smaller stores featuring off-price wearing apparel and soft goods.

OLD BLOOMINGDALE PHONE BOOKS

The library is seeking old Bloomingdale telephone books to add to its reference collection. If you have any you care to donate, please call the library at 529-3120 and ask for the reference librarian.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- June 5 Bloomingdale Bears' Registration, Park District Building. 6-10 P.M.
- June 30 7th annual "Run to Wipe Out Cancer" 10 K and one mile fun run. Call 469-3011 for more information.
- July 4 Great American Fourth of July Festival in Circle Park. Starts about noon.
- July 13 Final Registration for Bloomingdale Bears. Park District Building. 9:30 A.M. -1:00 P.M.
- July 17 21 St. Andrew Ukrainian Church festival

TALKING CABLE

By Cathy Wiater, Nordcat Cable Coordinator

The following are excerpts from Ms. Wiater's update.

Cable installation has been actively underway since the winter season has departed from us. The same special services and packages are still available to new customers, including free installation. If you haven't been hooked up yet, contact Mark Gerhardt, the marketing director at Metrovision, as soon as possible.

In addition to growth in subscribers, I'm proud to say there is consistent growth in the number of groups taking the access classes sponsored by Metrovision's program director Catherine Gill. To date, 16 groups have passed through the classes and have helped put together such programs as the Roselle and Itasca mayoral debates.

Some subscribers have voiced their concern about not being able to receive the PTL channel through Metrovision's services. During franchise negotiations it was agreed between municipalities and Metrovision to provide only the Christian Broadcasting Network and the Catholic Television Network channels. If you would or wouldn't like to see the PTL channel added to your Christian channels, let me know in the form of a letter to my office... Village of Roselle, NORDCAT Consortium, 31 S. Prospect Street, Roselle, IL 60172.

This May the Nordcat Consortium sent me to a seminar entitled "Briefing Sessions for Local Officials on the Cable Communications Act of 1984," sponsored by the National League of Cities. This new legistration will establish the extent to which cities are able to regulate the service rates of the cable system in their community. Other provisions of the law will also require cities to change the way they franchise and regulate local cable systems. I'll report on this in my next column.

BLOOMINGDALE BEARS BEGIN 26TH SEASON

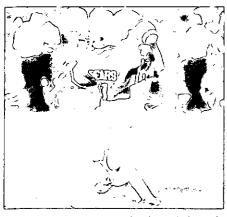
By Don Lively

Twenty-six years ago dedicated Bloomingdale residents, along with the Bloomingdale Park District, launched a new youth football program. Little did they know that what they began was to become a tradition of athletic excellence and sportsmanship.

The primary purpose for the Bears football program was to teach our young men good sportsmanship. They come to understand that there is a lot more to athletics than just winning a game — to learn the fundamentals of the game and then be able to do your best in your assignment are what really counts.

The program is open to boys aged eight through thirteen from which five teams or classes are then created according to age and weight. There are no tryouts. All boys who come out play.

The coaching staff are men at least 21-years old, who must first be approved by the Bears Board of Directors. All head coaches must also have been an assistant coach for at least one year. In addition, the coaches attend at least one all-day football clinic per year so they are updated on the latest methods of physical training and exercise.



Where proper physical training is taught and followed, the risks of physical injury are no greater than in other sports such as soccer, basketball and baseball. For this reason, the initial ten hours of practice are devoted totally to physical training. After that, a half-hour of each practice is set aside for physical training.

Bloomingdale, along with eleven other local communities, form the Bill George League. The league uses only Illinois High School Association officials to referee the games to insure the high standards of fair play are maintained.

In past years, the 12-year old class won their league championship in 1982; the 13-year old class finished second in 1983; the 10 and 12-year old class reached the playoffs, and the 13-year old class won their championship in 1984.

The season begins in August and runs into November. Each year during Labor Day weekend, the Bloomingdale Athletic Committee sponsors a pre-season bowl in which 32 teams compete. This year they have already received inquiries from teams as far away as Kentucky and Florida.



We should also mention that the Bears are not only for boys; girls in each age class are invited to become cheerleaders. Throughout the season cheerleader competitions are held. In this way the girls can also measure their abilities by competing as a unit against other girls their own age.

At the completion of each season an awards banquet is held to honor boys and girls who have distin-

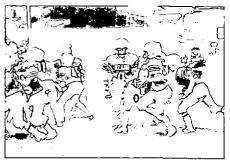


quished themselves in performance and sportsmanship.

Many of these athletes have gone on to excell in both high school and college, some even went on to the professional ranks. A few of these are: Jerry Brandon, who moved to Georgia and became an All State High School tailback; Bill Wakins, who plays for Northern Illinois University; Vic Fortino, who plays for the University of Wisconsin; and Bob Bucaro, who plays at Northwestern University.

Scott Keller was named Mid-American Conference most valuable player for N.I.U. Three University of Illinois graduates were drafted by professional teams. Chris Babyar, drafted by the New York Giants, is currently an offensive guard; Bill Miller is a 1985 Chicago Bears draftee; Curt Steger plays in the Canadian Football League.

Valpariaso graduate Fauft DeLazzer played for the Chicago Bears for two years and Glen Damato, who graduated from Indiana State University, played for the San Francisco 49'ers for three years.



If your children would like to participate in this outstanding program, the third and final registration for this year will be held Saturday, July 13 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at the Park District, 172 Circle Avenue.

STUDENT CAREER DAY

On April 26, students from 12 area schools assumed positions in our municipal agencies and local businesses. The day involved tours, lunch and a chance to see firsthand what their adult counterparts do at work.



Assistant Fire Chief Bill Wolff gives youngsters a tour of the Fire Department explaining some equipment.



Julie Piotrowski gives Dale Budde a hand with the presses at Budde's Print Shop.



Village Administrator Amy Wenz pens some memos as Bob Reeves looks on.



Mike Curtin, Director of Building and Zoning, gets a little help from adult counterpart Jim Krautstrunk.



Village Clerk Alison Maxwell swears in the Village Board.



Village Attorney Kristin Hettlinger listens intently to question posed.



Dr. Crocker, along with Assistant Superintendent Larry Erickson, listen to the school board meeting on Student Careeer Day.



Mayor Lisa Finch questions Representative Terry Parke on a point of order.



Village Finance Director Tom Malayil got all his figures in front of him before he answers a question.

"WHAT DO YOU THINK?"

Help! We can't get out of Meadowlark Road onto Army Trail Road, especially when trying to go east. Sometimes we wait almost ten minutes to turn. The area has become increasingly congested and chiefly during rush hours and weekends. Please help prevent even more accidents by erecting a stoplight at Army Trail and Meadowlark Roads. Mrs. Raymond Schmitz

385 Meadowlark Road

For residents and guests of Wilshire Towers apartments, turning left onto Army Trail Road from Regency Drive can be dangerous, not to mention "time consuming". This is especially true during rush hour and in the winter. Is it possible to have a traffic light installed at Regency Drive and Army Trail Road?

Name withheld by request

The heavy traffic problems on Army Trail Road do cause recognized problems for access at various locations, including Wilshire Towers and the Meadowlark area. If traffic signals were to be installed at all the locations, there would obviously be too many such signals. Installation of traffic signals requires that legal warrants be met; these relate to the traffic volumes on the major and minor streets, as well as studies of the delays entering Army Trail Road and traffic accident data. We will be reviewing this matter in greater detail over this coming year to see if warrants can be met.

These types of installations are relatively expensive, costing anywhere between \$100,000.00 & \$200,000.00 for initial construction plus monthly maintenance and energy charges for the traffic signals. If warrants are established for any signals, funding will also be a major consideration. Daniel C. Wennerholm Director of Community Services

To end the problem of congestion to the Post Office, wouldn't it be better

to make Franklin Street one-way going west? In this way traffic would not be held up on Bloomingdale Road and traffic could also enter from Lake and First Streets.

> Mrs. J. McDonald 436 Cardinal Drive

One of the main reasons why the traffic was designed as one-way eastbound was that the left turning movements from Franklin onto Bloomingdale Road were extremely unsafe. While the creation of oneway traffic has, we believe, helped the situation, the ultimate solution is to have the Post Office relocated. The United States Postal Service is presently making plans to construct a new facility in the vicinity of Schick and Bloomingdale Roads. This new site will be much improved in terms of traffic for access to this facility.

> Daniel C. Wennerholm Director of Community Services

OPINION FEATURE

Please tell us if you have any suggestions or questions for your Village. What you think is important to us. Write your thoughts below, then detach and mail to "What Do You Think," Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108. No unsigned submissions will be considered. The ALMANAC reserves the right to reprint all or part of the submission depending upon length. We do, however, try to retain the gist of the query.

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