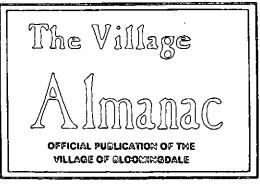
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Season's Greetings

from

The Mayor, Village Clerk, Trustees and Employees

of the Village of Bloomingdale

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

1st, 2nd and 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 1st Wednesday 7:00 PM - Village Hall

E.S.D.A. 1st Tuesday of every month 7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

OLD TOWN COMMISSION

4th Tuesday of every month 8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2nd Wednesday of every month 7:30 P.M. — Library

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Board of Directors Meeting 1st Thursday of every month 8:00 A.M. — Indian Lakes -Tamarack Room

THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE IS JANUARY 20

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COMMISSION CHANGES

Marty Chlapecha has been named Chairman of the Old Town Commission. He has been named on the commission for the last five and one-half years and has served as vice chairman. Leslie Zimmerman has also been appointed to the Old Town Commission. Zimmerman organized the Stratford Homeowners Group and was a former candidate for trustee. Her interest in the community will be an asset to the commission.

In a continued interest in the E.S.D.A., the following residents have been appointed to the agency: Cindy Battistoni, Mary Ehlert, Carol Neri, Gay Sandelin, Bonnie Sassman, John Sassman, Alice Spanos, Carl Conti, Robert Moore, Larry Terrill and Herbert Urban.

Joan M. Baratta was appointed to the Police Pension Board. She is currently a senior vice president and group executive for a personal trust group. Her 21 years of trust and investment experience will be invaluable to the pension board.

A TRADITION REVIVED

The first annual Village tree lighting ceremony took place the evening of November 30 on the site of the gazebo. Trees on the gazebo grounds were decorated by the school children of our elementary schools.

Students from Westfield's band provided seasonal entertainment and refreshments were served in the Village Hall council room. It is hoped this event will once again become a special tradition in town.

Many thanks to Public Works Superintendent Dennis Szafran and his crew for all the work in putting up the decorations. Special thanks to Dennis for reviving the forgotten tradition and to District 13 School Superintendent Jerry Gordon for giving him a hand in the planning.



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SEARCH FOR MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The Greater Woodfield Convention and Visitors Bureau is planning the Winter Carnival III, a weeklong extravaganza that will kick off Sunday, January 31 and run through Sunday, February 7.

Along with returning events, the World's Largest Snowman, U.S. Outdoor Ice Sculpture, Man & Woman of the Year, skiing, snowmobile rides and the Snow Ball, this year's carnival will feature weather-proof events, such as hay rides, mystery nature walks, a photography contest and a casino night.

The Bloomingdale Village Board is looking for nominations from our clubs and organizations for Bloomingdale's entries into the "Man & Woman of the Year" contest. Groups are asked to submit their candidate and reasons for their choice to the Village Board by January 4. Our entries will be chosen by the Village Board from the submissions.

VEHICLE & DOG LICENSE FEES INFORMATION

It is now time to purchase your new vehicle sticker. Stickers will officially go on sale **December 1st** of each year and are required to be affixed to your vehicle by **February 15th** of each year. Applications have been mailed.

AUTO LICENSE FEE	ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15th	TRUCK LICENSE FEE	ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15th
Passenger	\$ 7.50	G. 16,001 lbs. to 20,000 lbs.	\$52.50
TRUCK LICENSE FEE		H. 20,001 lbs. to 24,000 lbs.	52.50
A. 3,000 lbs. and less	12.50	I. 24,001 lbs. to 28,000 lbs.	52.50
B. 3,001 lbs. to 8,000 lbs.	17.50	OVER 28,000 1bs.	77.50
C. 8,001 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.	27.50	RECREATIONAL VEHICLES	12.50
D. 10,001 lbs. to 12,000 lbs.	37.50	MOTORCYCLES	5.50
E. 12,001 lbs. to 14,000 lbs.	42.50	BICYCLES (Optional)	.50
F. 14,001 lbs. to 16,000 lbs.	47.50	TRANSFER FEE	1.00

DOG LICENSE FEE: \$3.00 (Bloomingdale Illinois Dog Tag) - Dogs over 4 months of age must be licensed by the Village of Bloomingdale by May 1st; this license shall be valid until the following April 30th. A current rabies innoculation certificate must be presented with the application. Pick up forms at the Village Hall.

ALL VEHICLES REGISTERED TO A BLOOMINGDALE ADDRESS MUST HAVE A VEHICLE STICKER SENIOR CITIZENS, 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER, RECEIVE ONE (1) HONORARY STICKER PER FAMILY ANY ANTIQUE VEHICLE DISPLAYING CURRENT ANTIQUE PLATES SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A VILLAGE STICKER FREE OF CHARGE



Patricia Cropper was recently honored by the Village Board for her 13 years of service to the Police Pension Board. For her outstanding performance and dedication, a resolution of appreciation was passed in her honor, and she was presented with a plaque, as well as with a gavel for her many years as chairman of the Police Pension Board.

> Mark your calendars "Puttin' On The Ritz" Bloomingdale Women's Club Fashion Show will be held March 19 at Indian Lakes. More details next issue.





NEED A RIDE?

Bloomingdale Township recently entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Carol Stream to provide dial-a-ride service to all Carol Stream residents Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Since Carol Stream has Bloomingdale, Wayne and Milton Townships within its boundaries, this greatly expands the transportation service area.

Although Bloomingdale and Milton townships are divided by North Avenue, the new southern boundary will be Geneva Road. Service will include the Wheaton Medical Clinic and Wheaton Eye Clinic. Central DuPage Hospital is available for an additional cost of 25¢ to the regular fare.

Fares will be:

\$1.25 · Adults

.75 - Seniors (65 +), disabled, students children 7-11

Free - Children under 7

Fares for service to Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield will be:

\$1.50 - Adults

1.00 - Seniors (65 +), disabled, students Free - Children under 7

To make reservations to use this service calls must be made two days in advance to 893-7555. If you have any questions call Bonnie LaBarre, Transportation Manager, at 529-7715.

RYAN GUEST AT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The topic for the September 25 meeting of Bloomingdale's Neighborhood Watch Program was the Criminal Justice system, in honor of the 200th birthday of the signing of the Constitution. The guest speaker for the evening was DuPage County State's Attorney James Ryan.

Ryan was able to not only inform the audience of the Criminal Justice system as it is applied in DuPage County, but also talked about several programs run by the DuPage County State's Attorneys office. Among these are the Victim/Witness Assistance Program, the DuPage County Children's Center and the School Substance Abuse Program, which his office brings to high schools and junior high schools throughout the county.

Since taking office in December 1984, Ryan has organized the Gang Crime Task Force, the Domestic Violence Task Force and the DuPage County Children's Center. He is on the advisory committee for the Coordinated System Response Project of the Department of Children and Family Services, a member of the Adult Advisory to the Department of Corrections and is chairman of

BIKE-A-THON RESULTS

Nineteen riders participated in the Bloomingdale Bike-a-thon for the American Cancer Society on October 24. Mike Ferraro and Jason Hospodka tied for the most miles biked by riding 43 miles each.

A big thanks to the businesses who donated prizes:

Sundance Cycle - One Shogun 100 ten-speed bicycle Page's Schwinn Cyclery - One \$50 gift certificate toward a bike or accessories Connie's Pizza - Certificate for a large pizza & pitcher of pop Plitt Theatre Stratford Square - Free admission for two for one movie Radio Shack Glendale Heights - Radios and toy microphones

Chairperson for the event Angie Rogers said there were enough prizes for all the riders who participated. Next year's event will be set for early September.



Jason Hospodka



Mike Ferraro



James Ryan ponders a question asked by Neighborhood Watch members.

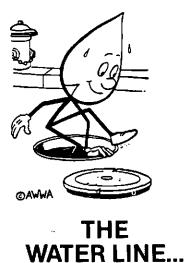
the Narcotics Subcommittee of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee for the Northern District of Illinois. Ryan was also recently awarded the DuPage County Police Chiefs' Award for Distinguished Service and Prosecutorial Excellence.

The Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch is an organization whose goal is to inform the residents of Bloomingdale of crimes occurring within Bloomingdale, and to educate them as to crime prevention measures they can take to deter criminals from victimizing them.

Ideally, the program should have representatives from every area of town. Although the program has grown tremendously since its inception over three years ago, there are still areas of town not being represented. Meetings are held the last Friday of every other month at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The next meeting will be held January 29th and will feature a speaker from Citizens Against Crime. For more information call Detective Scott Stick, program coordinator, at 529-9868.



Old lady Bonnan tells Central second graders a creepy story.



What are those round metal caps located in my front yard for? Can I cover them up? Nobody ever uses them.

Have you ever been out mowing your lawn when you came across a round, metal cap in your yard? Well, you might like to know they are there for a very good reason. Some of these are shut-off valves for the water service going to your home; others are valves for the water mains on your street. Commonly, these are called b-boxes or valve boxes.

Sometimes problems develop that make it necessary to shut the water off. If there is a fire in the home or a leak, it is sometimes the only way to shut off the water to protect your property from additional water damage.

When water mains break, the valves allow water division personnel to shut off the smallest section of water main to reduce the number of customers without water service to their homes.

Another purpose for these b-boxes is to shut off water when the home is vacant. This is especially important during the winter months where heat has been shut off in the home and broken pipes can occur.

So remember, the b-box will be there when needed to protect your property from water damage. Help us by keeping it from being damaged or covered up!



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

by Lawrence J. Golden Marguardt School District 15

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

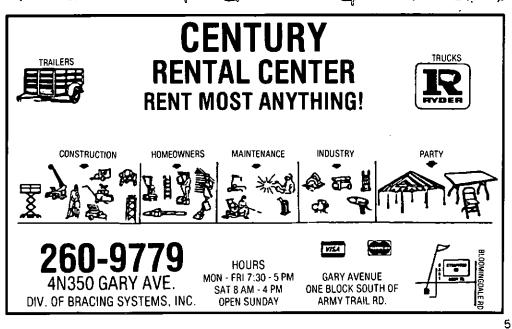
For the fifth consecutive year the legislative Committee of the Marguardt School District 15 Board of Education. headed by Robin Rose and Cora Bruhl. has sponsored a Legislative Breakfast. This year's breakfast featured Hal Seamon, Executive Director of the Illinois Association of School Boards.

As in the past four years, representatives and senators from the Glenbard attendance area were invited to attend this breakfast along with District 15 parents and the superintendents, Board presidents, and legislative chairpersons from approximately seven school districts.

In his remarks, Seamon indicated that there is no apparent visible crisis in the schools today and, as such, it would appear that the state legislature will not provide additional funds. He emphasized that it is the responsibility of parents and educators to provide the necessary evidence that there is indeed a financial crisis facing Illinois school districts. He stressed repeatedly that individuals must contact the members of the General Assembly and inform them of their feelings. Parents and educators must be specific in documenting the reductions in teachers and programs.

Following Seamon's comments, he invited those area legislators in attendance to express their views. Both State Senator Fawell and Representative Parke said that "...the problems that we. as legislators, face is one of too many demands and too few resources." It is obvious to the Glenbard area superintendents that their programs have lost money. Some programs were cut significantly, based upon the amount of money received from the state. Others, because of a larger financial base, receive less state aid money and consequently were not affected as drastically. However, it was apparent from both Seamon's remarks and those of the area legislators that the subject of increased funding. in the form of a tax increase, will be the most important issue facing the legislators in either the Fall Veto Session or in the Spring Session.

The districts in DuPage County face an interesting dilemma in that money from a tax increase will not completely return to its districts but will be spread among all the school districts within the state. Therefore, as a school district located within DuPage County, it would seem more beneficial if the categorical areas of transportation, special education, and other mandated requirements were fully funded along with an increase in general state aid.



BREAKFASTS WITH SANTA



Santa loves to eat as much as he loves kids, so he has scheduled special breakfasts on December 5, 12, and 19, from 8:30 - 11:30 AM, at Indian Lakes Resort and Nordic Hills Resort. The "Breakfast with Santa" buffets include eggs, pancakes, hash browns, sausages, bacon, juices and much more for \$5.95, \$3.50 for kids 10 and under. Instant photographs with Santa will be available and complimentary carriage rides will be given during the breakfast hours.

For reservations call Indian Lakes Resort at 529-0200, extension 749 or Nordic Hills Resort at 773-2750, extension 2164.



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PARK HAPPENINGS "Christmas Fun"

Free Time For Mom, Fun Time For Kids December 21 Roller Skating Party Lombard Sports Core - Pizza and Skating 11:30 - 4:30 Transportation provided. \$10.00 Grades 1st - 5th

December 22 Christmas with the animals Brookfield Zoo 10:30 - 3:00 p.m. \$6.00, sack lunch Transportation and Hot Chocolate provided. Grades 1st - 5th

December 23 Pool Party, Carol Stream Pool Hot Dog Lunch and transportation provided 11:30 - 4:30 \$8.00

Space is limited to 40 Sign up for one, sign up for all.

December 28 "Androcles and the Lion" Starring Bloomingdale's own John Casey DuPage Repertory Theatre production 2:00 p.m. Recreation Center Admission is Free

December 29 Field Museum Trip Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. \$3.50 per person. Transportation included.

> December 30 Film Festival Popcorn, Pop and Movie

Call the Bloomingdale Park District for more information at 529-3650.



Santa will be visiting Bloomingdale Pharmacy in Old Town Square from 12 · 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 13. Youngsters are invited to stop by and get a picture taken with old St. Nick compliments of the pharmacy. Cookies and punch will also be served.

HOLIDAY GIFT FROM INDIAN LAKES RESORT

As a gift to Bloomingdale residents, Indian Lakes Resort is inviting everyone to an Open House on December 20, from 10 AM until 3 PM, to show off their complete renovation. In the lobby atrium you can enter a drawing for free weekend packages, dinners, brunches and a 3-month Health Club membership. Complimentary refreshments will also be served in the atrium. If you bring this copy of the Village Almanac you and your family can enjoy the fabulous Sunday Brunch at half price on December 20.

In addition to the renovation of the guest rooms and public areas. Indian Lakes Resort has upgraded all menus and service functions. The Sunday Brunch, with a wide selection of tempting selections, is but one example of the upgraded food preparation and service. Residents are invited to walk throughout the resort to see the Health Spa, indoor pool, restaurants, lounges and the meeting/banguet rooms. If you haven't been to Indian Lakes Resort recently, the Open House on December 20 is a good chance to see the "new" resort, enjoy brunch, meet friends, and perhaps win one of the prizes.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN BLOOMINGDALE

Christmas is a very special time of the year for the whole family. For kids it's the expectation of gifts to come all wrapped and placed with care under the Christmas tree. For adults it's a time of year when families and good friends gather to enjoy specially prepared foods and to enjoy each other.

Christmas is also a spiritual time of year. To help us appreciate the birth of Christ, and to reflect on the many blessings we have received during the past year, many of our area churches are having special Christmas services. The churches who have responded to our survey are:

Bloomingdale Assembly of God 4N051 Glen Ellyn Road - 893-9682 Pastor: Rev. David Tangen Thursday, Dec. 24th, 5:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Bloomingdale Community Church Westfield Elementary School - 351-2216 Pastor: Rev. James Rider Friday, Dec. 25th, 9:45 A.M. & 11:45 A.M. Christmas Day Services

Bloomingdale Church 260 Glen Ellyn Road - 894-0090 Pastor: Rev. David Riemenschneider Thursday, Dec. 24th, 7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Church Of The Incarnation (Episcopal) Central Elementary School - 351-3249 Pastor: Rev. Alvin Johnson Sunday, Dec. 20th, 10:00 A.M. Nativity Play Thursday, Dec. 24th 5:30 P.M. "A Walk To Bethlehem" Play for Children 11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candle Light Service Friday, Dec. 25th 10:00 A.M. Christmas Service St. Mathew Catholic Church 1555 Glen Ellyn Road, Glendale Heights 469-6300 Pastor: Fr. Franklin Tasker Thursday, Dec. 24th 4:00 P.M. Children's Christmas Mass

6:00 P.M. Mass with Senior Choir Midnight Mass with Senior Choir beginning to sing at 11:30 P.M. Friday, Dec. 25th 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. Mass

St. Walter Catholic Church

140 W. Pine, Roselle - 894-2491 Pastor: Fr. Francis McDonald Thursday, Dec. 24th 4:00 P.M. Mass (in church) 4:15 P.M. Mass (in St. Francis Hall) 6:00 P.M. Children's Mass (in Church) 8:00 P.M. Mass spoken in Polish (in Church) Midnight Mass (in Church) Friday, Dec. 25th 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 P.M. Mass (in Church) 10:45 A.M. Mass (in St. Francis Hall)

St. Andrew Ukranian Orthodox Church 22 W 347 Army Trail - 980-5796

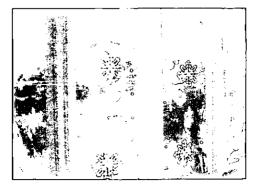
Pastor: Rev. Sergei Holowko The members of the Ukranian Orthodox Church follow the old Julian Calendar and will celebrate Christmas on Thursday, Jan. 7th, 10:00 A.M. Christmas Day Service.

Saturday, Jan. 9th (tentative) Christmas Choir Concert For this special concert the choir will be made up of 35 junior members from Chicago. After the program a buffet dinner will be served.

For details please call the rectory at 980-5796.

OLD TOWN IN CHRISTMAS SPLENDOR





St. Paul United Church of Christ

112 First Street - 529-6173 Pastor: Rev. James P. Beechen Sunday, Dec. 20th 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Christmas Music Concert with the Senior Choir Thursday, Dec. 24th 6:30 P.M. Musical Service For the Young 8:30 Christmas Eve Candle Light Service with the Senior Choir

St. Isidore Catholic Church

427 W. Army Trail Road - 529-3045 Pastor: Fr. Henry Slade Thursday, Dec. 24th 4:00 P.M., 5:30 P.M. and Midnight Mass Friday, Dec. 24th 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. and 12:15 P.M. Mass

Christ The Redeemer Lutheran Church 241 E. Army Trail Road - 529-8290 Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Stoyer Thursday, Dec. 24th (two services) 7:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candle Light Service Friday, Dec. 25th 10:00 A.M. Christmas Day Service



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Qualified candidates should call 894-3395



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

A monetary donation to start a compact disc collection tops the list of recent donations to the Bloomingdale Public Library from the Friends of the Library. Due to the Friends' generosity, the library will soon have compact discs available for Bloomingdale residents to check out. The starting collection will be comprised of classical music. In future purchases, other types of music will be included. Keep watch in December for the commencement of this new service.

Another recent Friends' donation was a new typewriter with correction for patron use. The typewriter is available free of charge to all patrons 18 years old and over. If you want to use the typewriter, just call or stop at the Reference Desk and reserve a time.

And still another recent donation to the library from the Friends included a 4-piece silver-plated coffee service and two silverplated serving trays. The gift was purchased by the Friends to honor former Administrative Librarian Gay Nass for her seven years of service to the Bloomingdale Library and her work with the Friends. The silver-plated service will be used for special activities of the library.

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization that earns money primarily through used book sales. The group meets approximately six times a year on Tuesday evenings at the Bloomingdale Library. The Friends would welcome new members. If interested, please call 529-3120.



LIBRARY SERVICES

In addition to lending books and answering questions, the library offers a variety of services and programs you may not know about. While you're here you can register to vote, consult a babysitters' file, borrow a camera or an engraving pen, and use a magnifying lamp. You can browse job listings announced through Illinois Job Service, borrow a framed art print, use an electric typewriter or an Apple Ile. You can have something notorized (call ahead for an appointment, please). Or you can attend a program, bring your children to Story Hour, listen to music, enjoy an art exhibit, or read the paper. Come in and discover what's here for you.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

On Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 P.M. the first of 1988's adult programs will start when Lauren Cassidy, a well known local image consultant, shares her expertise in color analysis, Winter make-overs and accessories. Learn and discover what best range of colors enhance your natural beauty. Let color work for you. Color packets will be available. This program "Color and You," is free, but registration is necessary.

For the financial planning enthusiast, Jim Hari, an account executive with Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. will be presenting the seminar "Preserving Your Capital and Increasing Your Return for 1988" on February 4, at 7:00 P.M. Topics to be discussed: using diversification in a portfolio to minimize risks, protective measures in trading and holding, conservative tax free return with no market risk, college education needs with safety and growth, retirement alternatives; safety vs. risk, and lump sum distribution from a retirement plan. Make plans now to attend this free, informative seminar.

If you would like to spruce up your home, come to the library on February 18, at 7:30 P.M. when Trans Designs Custom Decorators will present the seminar "Step Into Decorating." Get a fresh new decorating look using the power of color, create a focal point using interesting wall groupings and learn a number of other decorating ideas.

Register for these free programs by calling the library at 529-3120.



ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Bloomingdale Public Library board and staff would like to acknowledge the generosity of those individuals and organizations participating in this year's "Adopt-a-Magazine" program. These people bought or renewed subscriptions to a variety of popular magazines, the covers of which bear the donors' names while on display in the browsing area of the library.

This year's participants are the Bloomingdale Garden Club, Bloomingdale Women's Club, Carl M. Conti, the Friends of the Bloomingdale Library, Marian Hill, Liselotte Hirsbrunner, Paul Ingevaldson, the Lions Club, Jessie Loris, the Reed Martin family, Susan McMahon, Gerald Revely, Harriet Smolla, and the Villagers of Bloomingdale.

Other magazines are available for adoption. Call the library at 529-3120 if you would like to support the library in this way.

Thanks to these additional sponsors of the "Quest-Journey Into Reading" Program:

Connie's Pizza Hair Performers - Stratford Mall Plitt Theaters Portillo's Hot Dogs



JUVENILE DEPARTMENT NEWS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Come join the library's Christmas celebration for children on December 12 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. From 1:00 to 2:00, there will be games for 2-7 year olds, and a craft for 8-12 year olds. At 2:00 the movie "Mickey's Christmas Carol" will be shown, and at 2:30 Santa will arrive. Children are welcome to attend all three or just one activity. Registration is necessary only for the craft for 8-12 year olds.



Registration for the winter session of Story Hours begins January 4th. For preschoolers ages 3-5, story hours available are Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., and Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Children will have the opportunity to listen to stories, see movies, and make a craft each week.

Bedtime stories for 1-3 year olds will be told Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 7:30. Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring their teddy bears.

All sessions will begin the week of January 25th and run to the end of March. Please call the children's department at 529-3120 if you have any questions or if you would like to register.



LIBRARY CARD PROMOTION

"The best gift you'll ever give your child" is the theme for the American Library Association's library card campaign. Bloomingdale Public Library is offering parents a special opportunity to give their children over 5 years of age a library card. Any child registered for a card between November 24 and December 18 can have their card gift-wrapped and placed under the tree in the children's department. On December 19th at 2:00 p.m. a special party will be given for the new card owners, and the Children's Librarian will give the children and their parents a tour of the library and information on library procedures.

This is an important first step of independence for children, and we look forward to working with parents and children to instill a life-long love of reading and learning.



Dine at the water's edge

On The Pond An American Restaurant

The new tastes that are America's own. Mesquitegrilling, cajun-spicing, blackened fish. All prepared and presented with zeal. In the area's most impressive location, overlooking a peaceful pond.

Try our new luncheon menu and soup/salad buffet.

What a pleasurable way to break the day. Select from entrees such as Grilled Chicken Teriyaki and delightful sandwiches with a fresh-daily variety of soups, salads, vegetables, and desserts.

Holiday Season Private Party Arrangements Available!



Catch the wave of sophisticated fun

At Waves, An Evening's Entertainment

It's a great place to be. In the midst of high energy surroundings. With bright neon streams, friendly people, danceable music and sensational tropical cocktails. Plus, nightly drink specials, and specialty theme evenings.

Live music every Friday and Saturday evening!

Dance to the tunes of the talented Dynasty, from 8:30 pm to 1:30 am.

Order our famous house drink and get a pair of shades. When you're cool, the sun always shines. That's why we give everyone who orders our specialty Tidal Wave cocktail a pair of free sunglasses. You've got to be pretty special to just order one. And you get rewarded accordingly.

Private Holiday Party Packages Available!



\$19.87 per person Holiday Room Rates Call for details!

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MUSEUM EXHIBITS

"Dolls & Toys from Seasons Past"

Now on display at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum at Old Town - an exhibit of toys and dolls made before World War II. Enter into a different era and view a bit of nostalgic history - An early windup model train from 1910, a beautiful bisque doll from the 1860's. tiny tin soldiers from Germany produced in the 1880's and a variety of other items. Our Doll & Toy Show runs thru December 19th. Don't miss it! Open hours: Wednesday 10-2. Thursday 1-5. Friday 1-7 and Saturday 10-3.

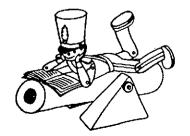
"Eskimo Carvings & Prints"

Our exhibit of soapstone carvings and original prints features the work of Canadian Eskimos of the Eastern Arctic regions. Beginning January 9th the show will continue through February 6th.

The Canadian Eskimo artists live a seminomadic existence along the barren shores of Hudson Bay and Baffin Island. Their lives are governed by hunting and in their art we see the life through the eyes of the hunter. Since wood is scarce, the Eskimo uses steatite (soapstone), amphibolite and many of the harder stones, as well as other materials such as narwhal ivory, walrus tusks and various types of bone and horn.

The prints are produced by three main processes - stonecut, stencil and lithography, and also represent everyday activities of the eskimos. Close to 50 pieces of original art will be on display. Open hours are Wednesday 10-2, Thursday 1-5, Friday 1-7, and Saturday 10-3.

For further information on the Museum please call 529-3650. The Bloomingdale Park District Museum is located in the Old Town area of Bloomingdale across from the Post Office.



SECOND CITY SHOW **JANUARY 30**

The famous traveling comedy show from the Second City Theater is coming for a January 30 performance sponsored by the Bloomingdale Llons Club. Mark your calendar now for the 7 PM show at Glenbard North High School. Tickets are available on a first come. first served basis for \$10 at each of the 4 branches of West Suburban Bank.

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CPS Hotel Management Services, Inc., announced the addition of Mark Sisofo as Director of Food & Beverage at Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale, Previously Sisofo was the Food & Beverage Director of the Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northbrook and Food & Beverage Manager at the Hamilton Hotel, Itasca.

Mark Sisofo replaces Jerry Ascione at Indian Lakes Resort, also a former Director of Food & Beverage at the Hamilton Hotel, who has been promoted to **Executive Assistant Manager of Nordic** Hills Resort & Conference in nearby Itasca.





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Thank you for your generosity & assistance, Gary J. Schira, Harvest Fest Chairman.

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NEW BUSINESSES

FABULOUS FEASTS

Fabulous Feasts is a full-service caterer located in the ASA Building opposite Montgomery Wards at the southwest end of Stratford Square Shopping Mall. The business is an offshoot of Rizzo Food Service which operates the cafeteria for ASA as well as meeting the dining needs of the executive personnel at ASA. The catering end of the business started functioning full-time about four months ago and is owned and operated by Chuck Rizzio, Erwin Wittke, and Cindy Cooper who have a minimum of eight years each in this type of business.

Fabulous Feasts offers a variety of services. They will custom design a menu for your entertaining needs and provide the staff necessary to insure the success of the occasion and the relaxation of the host and hostess. Fabulous Feasts also offers a full line of hot and cold hors d' ouvres which are not only first-rate in quality but also come precooked in reheatable, disposable aluminum containers. Cleanup is kept to a minimum in this way.

Included in the selection are the customary items such as miniature filled potato skins, quiches, eggrolls, stuffed tomatoes, celery, reuben sandwiches, etc. Also offered are some Mexican items such as miniature filled corn cups, mini tacos, and mini flaute. To satisfy the sweet tooth, fresh-made miniature chocolate eclairs and cream puffs are available.

A Christmas/Holiday buffet is also an option for holiday entertaining. A ten person minimum is necessary to order the buffets which range in price from \$5.95 - \$15.95 per person. Several different menus are available.

Fabulous Feasts can be reached by calling 351-0122 between 7 and 5 Monday through Friday.

OLD TOWN BLOOMINGDALE MOBIL STATION

Even as a teen, John Dellert enjoyed working on cars. Owning his own gas and repair station was one of those really long term goals. Now after 11 years of working as a mechanic and service manager for others, buying the Mobil Station at Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road is like a dream come true.

NEW BUSINESSES

MOBIL STATION Continued

He and his wife took over the business at the beginning of November. They had looked at several places, but they like the Bloomingdale area best and are looking forward to serving this community.

The self-serve gas and mini-mart is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. John has full service repairs Monday through Saturday. He's offering "complete car care" from Express Lube oil changes, tune-ups, emission testing and brake service to major engine and transmission overhauls. His mechanics have over 20 years automotive experience with companies such as Firestone, Sears, Wards, Tire America and Ron's Mobil of Elk Grove.

Other services offered are towing, emergency starting and lockout service 24 hours a day. There is even free pick up and delivery for commuters and local customers. Old Town Bloomingdale Mobil accepts most major credit cards and has service discounts for senior citizens.

Monthly specials will be featured. The grand opening specials on until the end of the month include oil changes, radiator flushes and tune-ups. The Dellerts have a commitment to excellent, reliable service with a promise of satisfaction. Stop in and meet them or call 351-3233 for more information on services.

DESIGNS BY GERARDE

Despite losses totaling more \$40,000 due to the flood. Designs by Gerarde in the Circle Center Shopping Center is open for business. This full-service florist shop is owned by Jerry Pendergrass who has been in the florist business for 23 years, and whose first shop was opened when he was still in high school. Jerry has won two sterling silver trophies for floral design and has attended design shows all over the country. During the past ten years, after moving to our area from Alabama, he has freelanced throughout the Chicagoland area. Aside from his expertise in floral arranging, he also has a degree in Business Administration. These, along with his fierce determination to succeed. have helped him overcome the recent loss of his life savings in the flood and begin anew.

The shop offers not only fresh flower arrangements but also silk and dried arrangements, potted plants, balloons and balloon bouquets and a selection of gift items. Also available is an unusual item called twigs, handmade by Jerry. These are moss-covered pieces of foam in the shape of such things as bears and geese. The sphagnum moss is held in place and the shape of the animal is retained with the use of "twigs" which resemble grapevine wreath materials. Another unusual gift or decorating item is the line of elegant buff-colored papier mache animals for use during the Christmas season as well as throughout the vear.

Designs By Gerarde also has a Christmas room with unusual tree decorations, stockings, and the favorite teddy bear section. Jerry has three themes for Christmas decorating this year — Traditional, Country, and Glitz and Glitter. The ever-popular potted poinsettia will also be available in both fresh and silk.

For those of you with limited time for holiday decorating, Jerry also will develop designs for your entire home or business. His work may be seen at this year's Medinah Women's Club Housewalk where he has been invited to decorate not one, but two homes. He also will be decorating Pheasant Run for the holidays.

Designs By Gerarde is located at 185 E. Lake St.-Circle Center or phone 980-1000. Holiday hours are 9-9 Monday - Friday, 9-6 on Saturday, and 10-5 on Sunday. Non-holiday hours are 9-5 on Monday through Saturday.

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Among these are personal shopping, including for groceries, personal gifts and Christmas shopping, and parties for any occasion which includes the planning, organizing and carrying out. TimeSavers UnLimited also puts together gift baskets made for any special occasion, banquets, office parties, new baby, wedding, etc. Another facet of this business appeals to real estate agents, independent home builders and rental property owners. The entrepreneurs will clean and maintain vacant real estate until sold. They also put clean-up touches on newly completed construction and clean rental property between rentals.

Ferraro explains this type of business exists on the west coast, but is just new to the midwest. The concept appealed to the three friends who enjoy service oriented activities.

Kathy, Chris and Debbie will be happy to help in any way possible to plan, organize and discuss ways to make your time and life easier. For more information call 980-5252.



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GUEST COLUMN

The following column comes to us courtesy of Dr. John E. Ruch of the Bloomingdale office of the Arlington Chiropractic Clinic, 220 E. Lake Street.

"OSTEOPOROSIS"

Osteoporosis is the inexorable loss of bone mass as we get older, and is the most common disorder of the skeleton. Decline in bone mass begins in the twenties. From the start, women lose more bone than men. In fact, by the age of 80, a woman will have lost 47% of her trabecular (porous) bone, and a man only 14%. The bulk of this loss occurs in the first 5-6 years following menopause. Around the age of 65, the rate of bone mass decline slows down.

There are two types of osteoporosis; primary and secondary. Secondary osteoporosis is due to an identifiable single cause, usually drugs or disease, and affects men, women and children equally. Primary osteoporosis is the most common, and what we are concerned with in this article. It's due to a variety of influences, including heredity, hormones, nutrition and lifestyle. It is also known as postmenopausal, and is more prevalent and more severe in women.

The spinal vertebrae and upper part of the femur are the most susceptible areas. The vertebrae are usually the first to show evidence of the disease. They become porous and weak, and with time may collapse. This weakening and collapse of the vertebrae can result in the "dowager's hump" often seen in older women, as well as a significant decrease in height.

Twenty five percent of women will suffer from osteoporosis. Not all women are equally susceptible. Certain risk factors, some controllable and some not, may predispose you to osteoporosis.

Some of the non-controllable risk factors are: age at menopause, family history, ethnic differences, bone structure and disease processes. The earlier the onset of menopause, the greater the risk of developing osteoporosis, simply because more years are spent without the protective influence of estrogen. A family history of osteoporosis may indicate an increased susceptibility to the disease. Small bone structure, fair skin, and low body weight also seem to add to the risk. Black women are far less apt to develop osteoporosis, perhaps because of an inherently larger build, and oriental women seem to have a pronounced susceptibility. Certain diseases, such as diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and endocrine disorders predispose to osteoporosis.

The risk factors that can be altered include the use of oral contraceptives, the number of children, and diet and exercise habits. One of the positive things about using oral contraceptives is that the risk of osteoporosis may be slightly decreased. Childbearing, on the other hand, may increase your risk - IF your diet during pregnancy is deficient in calcium. The body will preferentially supply the developing child with the calcium he or she needs, depleting the mother's stores. However, this is easily preventable by eating a balanced, calcium-rich diet while pregnant, perhaps with calcium supplements.

In fact, in women of any age, diet and lifestyle appear to be major factors in the prevention of osteoporosis. Most American women eat a diet significantly deficient in calcium. By instituting the following suggestions, the epidemic of osteoporosis may be stemmed.

The initial place to begin is with diet. The average woman should obtain 1000 mg of calcium daily before menopause, and 1200-1400 mg after menopause. This can be accomplished by dietary means and supplementation.

Milk is one of the best ways to obtain calcium. Not only does an 8 oz. glass of milk contain about 300 mg of calcium, it is fortified with vitamin D to increase absorption and contains lactose, a sugar that also aids in calcium absorption. Hard cheeses, tofu, red salmon, sardines, nuts and broccoli are also good calcium sources. Calcium supplements are best absorbed in small doses, so should be spaced out, and taken with milk or yogurt. One third of the daily allotment should be taken right before bedtime. Dolomite or bone meal are not suggested as calcium supplements, as they contain toxic materials.

In addition to calcium, adequate vitamin D, magnesium and manganese should be supplied. Vitamin D enhances calcium absorption, and magnesium and manganese aid in utilization. 400 IU of vitamin D are necessary daily. This can be obtained through 15-20 minutes of sunshine a day, in supplements, and in milk as well as certain other foods, such as fatty fish, butter, eggs, and liver. Be cautious, however, vitamin D may be toxic in higher doses.

Magnesium should be supplied in the same amount as calcium - preferably taken simultaneously. It is found in nuts, whole grains, dark green vegetables, lentils and seafoods. Manganese should be supplied at 10-20 mg/ day and is found in the same food sources as magnesium.

Certain dietary factors appear to interfere with calcium absorption and metabolism, and so should be controlled. Excess protein may increase calcium excretion. Red meat should be limited to 2-3 times/week. Caffeine and alcohol should be taken only in moderation, and eliminated by those at high risk. Calcium supplements and major dietary sources of calcium should not be taken with a high fiber meal, as fiber tends to decrease absorption. Vegetarians have been found to have less osteoporosis than meat eaters. Stress can increase excretion and decrease absorption of calcium, so calcium should be increased when under stress. High phosphorus foods such as red meat, cola drinks, and Brewers yeast should be limited. Smoking can interfere with calcium utilization, and so should be stopped or at the least reduced.



Exercise is thought to be one of the primary means of prevention. Putting stress on the bone stimulates them to remain strong. Weight bearing exercise such as walking, jogging, bicycling, hiking, rowing and jumping rope, done consistently 3-4 times/week, may be the key to maintaining bone strength throughout life.

Once these changes are instituted it is important to know how the program is working for you. Regular tests for bone mass can help you - and your physician - monitor your progress. These are several options available, and your doctor can help you decide what's right for you.

A screen for bone mass should be done once in the 30's and 40's, followed by 2 or 3 annual assessments during menopause, and then regularly until the age of 65. This will help you know at what rate you are losing bone mass. In nonresponsive cases, estrogen replacement therapy may be indicated. Estrogen is very effective in preventing bone loss, but does have some risk factors.

In summary, osteoporsis is not an inevitable consequence of aging. YOU can have an impact on the health of your skeleton - isn't it worth the effort?

Bone scan Radiodensitometry is performed at the Arlington Chiropractic Clinic routinely for assessment of osteoporosis and bone loss.

Just call 980-6555 and ask for an osteoporosis screening and calcium determination. Appointments are usually available within the week for these screenings.

SHOWCASE SUCCESS

Many thanks to the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce for its fifth annual Christmas Showcase. As usual, businesses participating treated those in attendance to a great evening full of wonderful shopping ideas and some great door prizes. Special thanks to Indian Lakes Resort for its donation of the weekend for two.



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