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LAKE WATER -- AT LAST!

Lake Michigan Water

As you read this issue of the Almanac, the water you are drinking will be from Lake Michigan. The Village changed its supply from Well to Lake water during the month of January. There are differences between these two sources of water, some of which you may have already noticed.

Lake Michigan water to DuPage County is a nearly \$400 million program over 35 years in the making. The DuPage Water Commission formed a consortium of 28 charter communities in 1983.

Lake water receives filtration treatment at the Jardine Treatment Plant near Navy Pier in Chicago and is pumped to the DuPage Water Commission from which we purchase our allocation. Lake Michigan water complies with all maximum contaminant levels set by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Lake water, unlike our former well water, is low in mineral content and softer at 7 grains per gallon (our well water ranged from 17 to 22 grains per gallon). Water consumers will, over the next several months, notice less problems with iron, or rusty colored water and the water staining of fixtures that were associated with the well water.

Many of our water consumers have water softeners and we are often asked if they will be necessary with the softer lake water. Water softening

remains a personal preference decision based on the individual needs of the water consumer.

Many customers have asked if we now have unlimited capacity for our system and whether sprinkling restrictions will be in effect during the summer months. The conditions of our Lake Michigan Water Allocation from the Illinois Division of Water Resources require us to maintain conservation ordinances including sprinkler restrictions during May through September.

Water is still a precious natural resource and we encourage conservation by all of our consumers. During the upcoming months, the Village will be presenting conservation information to grade school children at their schools.

NEW LEAD AND COPPER REGULATION

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is requiring all water supplies in the state to begin "at-the-tap-consumer-sampling" for analysis of lead and copper this summer. While the Village water supply has been previously tested for lead and copper and is well under the allowable limits throughout the water distribution system, the new regulation requires samples at the consumer tap. These samples must be collected twice a year from sixty sites that have met the criteria of the regulation and have been approved by IEPA.

In order to obtain the sixty sites, we have contacted the first group of residents satisfying specific IEPA criteria identified in the regulation. If sixty sites meet the criteria for sampling and we receive permission of the resident, we would not need to go further into other groups. If we do not have the sixty sites from the initial group, we will proceed in contacting other groups to make up the remaining sites.

There are several factors that determine if a water service can be considered for a sample site. Briefly, the service cannot be connected to an operating softener and the resident must be willing to let us draw the sample after the water has remained in the home plumbing a minimum of six hours; we call this a "first draw sample" and it generally occurs first in the morning.

If you are interested in becoming a sample site and have not been contacted, please call the Utility Division. If the sixty sites have been established, we may be able to use your service as an alternate site.

SEWER

Many residents call with questions regarding sewer problems and what to do throughout the year. Residents are responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of their service lines from the house to the sanitary sewer main. The Village is responsible for the main-

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**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 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 P.M. — 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 -
On The Pond Restaurant

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The Village wishes to publicly acknowledge the following ladies and gentlemen for their generous donation of time and effort in serving on these various commissions for the betterment of the community during 1991.

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**Bloomingdale Women's Club
Meets February 13**

The Bloomingdale Women's Club will meet February 13 at 8 pm at the Bloomingdale Library.

Guest Speaker, Shirley Steinberg of the Kenneth Young Center will discuss "Birth Order" and its effect on your behavior. Coffee and snacks will be served.

For further information call Diana at 529-2680 or Loretta at 351-1995.



**VEHICLE STICKERS GO ON SALE MARCH 1.
THEY MUST BE AFFIXED BY MAY 1**

Lake Michigan Water

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tenance and cleaning of the sanitary sewer main.

If you experience problems with your sewer service we encourage you to contact the Utility Division as soon as possible. Utility personnel will check the sanitary sewer main and advise you if the problem is in the sewer main or your service line. This is important in that if the problem you are experiencing is not in your line but in the Village sewer main, you have not incurred unnecessary expenditures. If the problem is in your line, you will need to hire a contractor. The Village Utility person can give you some tips regarding what to look for in a private plumbing contractor.

Utility Division personnel are on call 24 hours a day, year round, for water and sewer related emergencies. They can be reached during normal business hours (7:30 am to 4 pm) at 529-5865 or through the Police Department at 529-9868 after hours.

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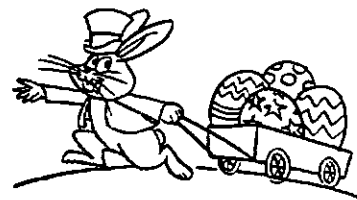
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Marshall Field's Bunny Breakfast

Marshall Field's has scheduled its traditional annual Bunny Breakfast for April 11, 12 and 18. The breakfast will be held in the 2nd floor restaurant at Stratford Square at 9-10 am. For further information or to make reservations call 980-1234 X525.



New Bandshell/Pavillion

Survey

The Village of Bloomingdale is contemplating the building of an outdoor bandshell/pavillion. The source of funds would be the hotel/motel tax revenue, NOT property taxes. We are interested in your comments. Please fill out this questionnaire and return it to the Village Hall via the mail. Or, use the night drop located at the front of the Village Hall. We would appreciate hearing from you by March 1. Thank you.

Public Relations Committee

What hours would be most appropriate? ___ until 10 pm
___ until dusk ___ other

What type of entertainment would you most enjoy? (List by priority)

___ Jazz ___ Easy Listening ___ Oldies ___ Pop
___ Country ___ Classical ___ Big Band ___ Ethnic
___ Children ___ Other _____

If a free shuttle was provided, which location would you prefer?

___ DuJardin School ___ Winnebago School
___ Westfield School ___ Indian Lakes Resort
___ Stratford Mall ___ Old Town
___ Other _____

Should there be a concession facility? ___ Yes ___ No

Should participants be allowed to bring refreshments? ___ Yes ___ No

Should bike racks be provided? ___ Yes ___ No

Should alcoholic beverages be sold? ___ Yes ___ No

Should the facility be available for rental to non-profit group? ___ Yes ___ No

Should seating arrangements be "bring your own blankets/lawn chairs"? ___ Yes ___ No

Additional Comments:

DuPage Needs Volunteers

The Volunteer Center of DuPage serves as a clearinghouse, matching potential volunteers with opportunities at various agencies and community groups around the County. Listed below are volunteer opportunities available in DuPage County.

For information about the following volunteer opportunities, call Valerie Bruggeman, or Lisa Clayton, Volunteer Center of the DuPage Division of Human Services at 682-7505.

MENTAL HEALTH VOLUNTEERS - Training courses are starting now. Work with infants, children and adults in various settings. Call and find out what you can do!!

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS - Workshops are beginning in January to prepare volunteers to tutor Basic Reading or English As A Second Language. Call and sign up today!

AIR SHOW VOLUNTEERS - People are needed to volunteer for the spring

Air Show. All kinds of things to do! Call now and sign up!

DRAMA - Persons interested in acting and drama are needed as volunteers. A drama coach is needed to help children/teens present Skits and Plays on various topics. Story tellers are needed also. Share your time and talents today!

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION CENTER - Needs volunteers! Opportunities for people with clerical abilities, computer, mailroom, gift shop, greeters and special projects. Volunteer now!!

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS - Needed! Training classes are being offered in February on direct service. Hospice volunteers provide respite care for families who may have a member who is terminally ill. This type of volunteering is both challenging and fulfilling. Call today!!

SPECIAL FRIEND - Be a friend to a senior who is lonely today. Visit one-on-one at a local nursing home. Call for more information now!!

BOWLERS!! - Be a volunteer bowler, work on a planning committee, get sponsors or just lend your time for Bowling fund raiser. Call now!


Help Us Save U \$

The Village maintains a remittance processing service at a local bank for processing your water and sewer bill payments. This service allows for more accurate, efficient and expedient posting of your payments to your accounts. It also reduces the Village's cost...thus, your costs.

Please remit all water and sewer bill payments to:

Village of Bloomingdale
PO Box 4717
North Suburban, IL 60197-4717

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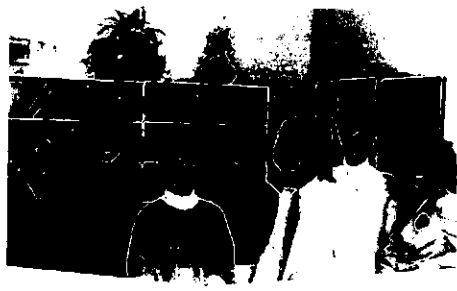
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TOP 10 REASONS

Why Waves Has Karaoke Night On Wednesday.

- 1.** Hey good lookin', We bought too many Mr. Microphones.
- 2.** We couldn't afford the real guys.
- 3.** Laughs.
- 4.** The all "Village People" Wednesdays didn't go over too well.
- 5.** We bought a Karaoke machine and said, "Hey, let's give it it's own night."
- 6.** It wasn't enough to just have a lip sync night.
- 7.** We knew a lot of you were looking for exciting new ways to meet members of the opposite sex.
- 8.** We were really hoping Elvis might show up.
- 9.** What the heck, one more Japanese import won't hurt anything.
- 10.** Public humiliation is making a comeback.

Waves has something for everyone, so if the urge to sing doesn't strike you, sample our extensive list of beers, wines and cocktails. Or, how about a game or two of darts?(Don't worry singers, the dart boards are on the other side of the bar). Fun every night at Waves.



Adjacent to Indian Lakes Resort 250 W. Schick Rd. Bloomingdale, IL (708)529 0200

Garbage Pickup

In response to recent questions, our garbage pickup schedule is adjusted during a week when there is a holiday. If a holiday is observed before your scheduled pickup day, your pickup will be moved to one day later. The holidays observed by BFI are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Using the week of Thanksgiving as an example, the small group of residents who have Wednesday pickup would see no change in the schedule. The Thursday pickup would be delayed to Friday and the Friday pickup would be delayed to Saturday. Browning-Ferris Industries does work on Saturdays during these weeks.

If you have any further questions on any aspects of the Village's recycling/yard waste program, please contact BFI at 529-1076 or the Village Hall at 893-7000.

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District 13 News

By Ed Levato, President

FARWELL AND WELCOME

In November, the Board of Education of Bloomington School District 13 said good-bye to two experienced members of the Board. Mike Hovde and Jim Korbecki decided not to run for reelection in this most recent election. Mike had been a member of the Board of Education for ten years and served as President for four years. Jim had been a member of the Board for eight years and Vice President for one year.

Our Board also welcomes new members Kristel Sprovieri and Myra Westfall. They were elected to the Board of Education in November along with three incumbents, Mary Ellen Johnson, Ron Fangusaro and Ed Levato.

TAX LEVY

In December, the Board of Education filed a real estate property tax levy which is a 15 per cent increase over last year's property tax receipts. Some people are concerned that this will mean a similar increase in their tax bills. This is not the case. Under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act passed by the State Legislature this summer, the impact on the local property tax payers for existing property will be limited to a total increase of 5 per cent. The difference of 10 per cent will be made up by the tax bills sent to owners of new homes and other new buildings in the district.

The district needs this amount of new money because of the increases in our student enrollment. Last year we had 1410 students, next year we expect about 1500. This means more teachers and more portable classrooms. At the same time the State of Illinois is sending our district less money. Two years ago, we received 16 per cent of our

VOTER REGISTRATION

Make your voice heard by Voting. If you are not registered or have moved since the last election, you may register at the Village Hall 8:30 - 4:30 weekdays and 8 a.m. - Noon Saturdays - OR - at the Bloomington Public Library during regular hours. Registration for the March 17 primary ends February 18.

education fund revenues from the State. Next year we expect to receive less than 10 per cent.

REFERENDUM

Also in December, the Board of Education voted to hold a referendum on March 17 for permission to sell 4.6 million dollars in bonds to build a new school on Springfield Drive. The Board of Education has reduced the size of the new school, changed the design and eliminated any remodeling or additions to DuJardin School to make this a referendum for the minimal needs of our students.

The district can pay for this new building without increasing the district's tax rate by refinancing current debt, taking into account the lower interest rates of today and figuring in the increased assessed evaluation of the district for this year. This year's rate for Bond and Interest is fourteen cents. That will remain the maximum rate for the future with this building program.

The district must solve our facilities problems now. We only have one more year of permission to use the portable classrooms at Central School now. Our use of the ten portable classrooms is costing the district almost \$100,000 a year in rent. We will need to add a minimum of two portable rooms at Westfield this summer. Each time we add another portable, it costs the district \$40,000 in delivery and hook up costs. The construction and bond markets are both at the lowest they have been in years. Any delays in the building program will increase the current expenditures for portables and increase the cost of the new building itself.

In the Board of Education's view, we have very little choice. We have the students, about 1,500. We are pouring money into a bottomless pit by leasing the portable classrooms. Soon the State is going to take them away from us. Due to the current markets, now is the time to build a new school. And, we can construct the building without increasing our property tax rate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions or comments about the activities of the Board of Education, please write or call me or the Superintendent, Dr. Jerry Gordon, Bloomington School District 13, 181 S. Bloomington Road, Suite 204, Bloomington 60108, phone 893-9590.

Scholarships Offered to Bloomingdale Students . . .

Bloomingdale Women's Club

The Bloomingdale Women's Club is pleased to announce the availability of application forms for its 1992 scholarships. There are two \$500 scholarships available to high school seniors residing in the Village of Bloomingdale. There is also a \$200 scholarship available for a woman residing in Bloomingdale who is continuing her education or updating her skills.

Applications are available at the Village Hall, at the Bloomingdale Public Library and in the guidance offices of the local high schools. An application can also be requested through: Bloomingdale Women's Club, PO Box 271, Bloomingdale, IL 60108. All applications are due back to the club by April 3, 1992.

Funds for these scholarships are obtained from one of the Bloomingdale Women's Club's major fundraisers - The Festival of Arts held in conjunction with Septemberfest.

For more information call Pam Hager at 529-4232.

Chamber Of Commerce

Each year, the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce awards two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.

These scholarships are geared to students who have an interest in attending either a trade school or a four-year college program. Applicants must be Bloomingdale residents, have shown leadership abilities, have maintained at least a C average in high school and have financial need.

See your high school guidance counselor or call the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce office (980-9082) for an application.

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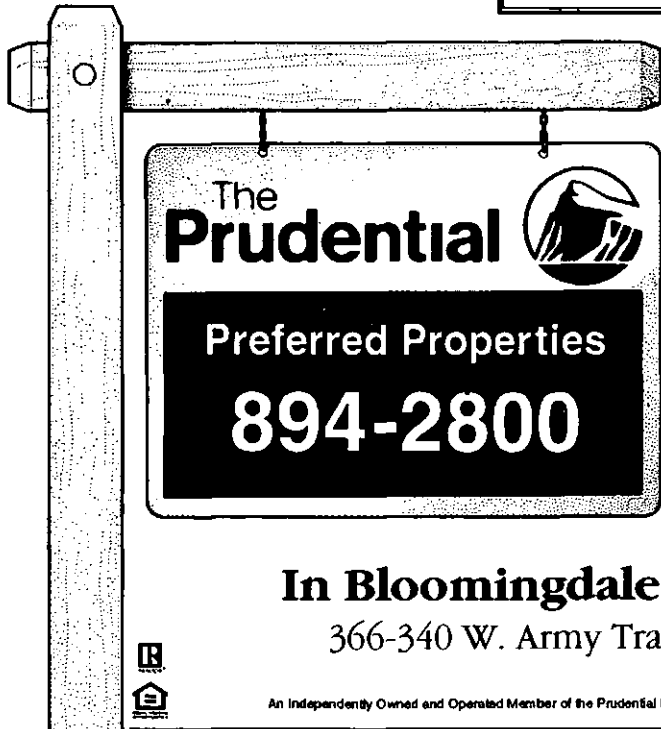
General Membership Meetings
4th Thursday of every month

Board of Directors Meetings
1st Thursday of every month

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Friends Host Local Authors You Are Invited To The Reception

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Library and the Bloomingdale Library invite you to attend the first Author's Reception on February 15 between the hours of 1 and 4 pm.

The reception will honor 20 local authors who live and work in the area and will offer you an opportunity to learn more about them and their work.

Those authors who will attend the reception range in age from nine years old and up. They include beginners as well as recognized published authors of books, magazines, and newsletters in both national and local markets.

National Library Week Dates Are Set

During the week of April 5-11, the library will be celebrating National Library Week. The theme is "CATch a Book." Bookmarks, displays and programs explaining the services that are available at the library will be available during the week. The staff will be happy to give you a tour and, at the circulation desk, please ask for a copy of the library's new brochure. Mark your calendars now for this special week!



Arbor Day Ceremony

At the Bloomingdale Public Library
 Sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale
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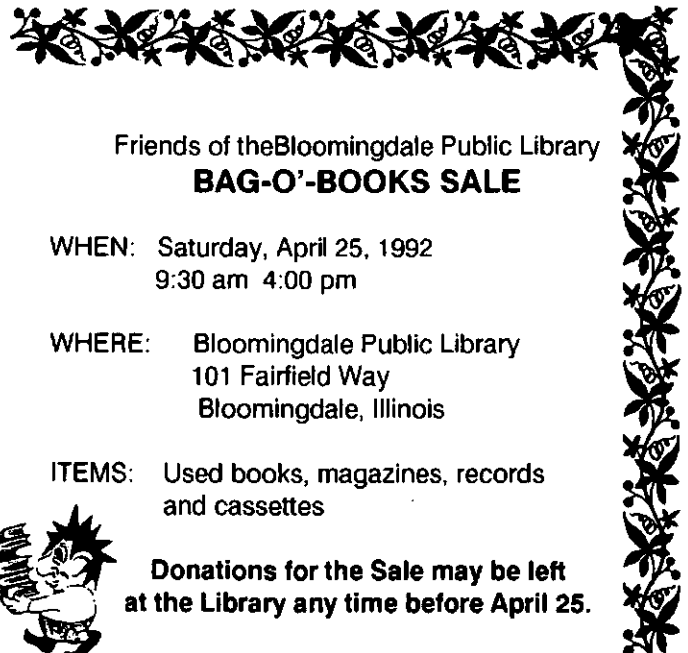
April 25, 1992

Many Thanks!

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank those individuals, community groups and businesses who participated in this year's Adopt-A-Magazine program.

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 Bloomingdale Women's Club
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 Harriet Smolla
 The Villagers of Bloomingdale
 Winnebago PTO
 Rob and Pam Zlotek

The Adopt-A-Magazine is an ongoing program. If you are interested in more information about "adopting" a magazine, please contact Janalee Garwood at the library at 529-3120.



Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library BAG-O'-BOOKS SALE

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 1992
9:30 am 4:00 pm

WHERE: Bloomingdale Public Library
101 Fairfield Way
Bloomington, Illinois

ITEMS: Used books, magazines, records
and cassettes

Donations for the Sale may be left
at the Library any time before April 25.



LIBRARY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 1 Library Board Annual Meeting.....9am-Noon
- 5 "Small Business Tax Strategies" - Vinod Singh
American Accounting & Tax Services.....7:30-9pm
- 6 "Home Improvement Workshop"
Dan Rush, Rush Remodeling.....7:30-9pm
- 8 Writer's Workshop.....9:30-Noon
Young Writer's Workshop.....9:30-Noon
ValentineParty/Magic Show.....2-2:45pm
- 12 Library Board Meeting.....7:30pm
- 15 Local Authors Reception.....1-4pm
- 19 "Computer Basics" -- John Lamperis,
JNL Computer Systems.....7:30-9pm
- 22 Saturday Workshop (6-10 year olds).....2-3pm
- 26 "Pattern Blending in Interior Decorating"
Jan Lamb.....7:30-9pm

MARCH

- 5 "Retirement Seminar" -- Jim Hari,
Dean Witter Reynolds.....7-9pm
- 7 Saturday Workshop (6-10 year olds).....2-3pm
Author's Visit -- Stella Pevsner,
Young Adult author.....3-4:30pm
- 11 Library Board Meeting.....7:30pm
- 14 Writer's Workshop.....9:30-Noon
Young Writer's Workshop.....9:30-Noon
- 18 "Wills, Trusts and Probate"
Douglas Trent and Connie Butcher.....7:30-9pm
- 25 "Art of Relaxation" -- Marcie Holding.....7:30-9pm

APRIL

- 1 Tracing Your Ancestors" -- Beatrice Jenkins...7:30-9pm
- 2 "Depression Seminar" -- Marco Parducci.....7:30-9pm
- 4&5 A child's World - -
Storytelling, Displays and Activities...Stratford Square
- 5-11 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
- 7 Friends of the Bloomingdale Library Meeting.....7pm
- 8 Library Board Meeting.....7:30pm
- 11 Writer's Workshop.....9:30-Noon
Young Writer's Workshop.....9:30-Noon
- 18 Spring Party -- Melikin Puppets,
Beatrix Potter stories.....2-3pm



Youth Services Plans Spring Event for Kids

The Bloomingdale Public Library will be having a Spring Party on Saturday, April 18, 1992 from 2-2:45 pm. The Melikin Puppets will present Beatrix Potter stories, including "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," "The Tale of Two Bad Mice" and "The Tale of Benjamin Bunny."

Mark your calendar and plan on spending a delightful afternoon with the Melikin Puppets.

The program is for all ages, but children under five years of age need to be accompanied by an adult. To register, call the library at 529-3120 and ask for the Youth Services desk.

Meet Author Stella Pevsner At the Library March 7

Have you always wanted to meet a great author? Stella Pevsner is the author of many books for young people including: *Me, My Goat and My Sister's Wedding*, *And You Give Me A Pain*, *Elaine* and *Cute Is a Four Letter Word*. Ms. Pevsner will discuss her books as well as her writing career and copies of her books will be available for purchase at the program. Ms. Pevsner will also autograph copies of her books after her presentation. Please plan to join us for this special event. You may call or visit the Youth Services Department to register for this program. There will be a display of Stella Pevsner's books in the Youth Services Department during February and March.

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Find out everything you've always wanted to know about decorating your home with different patterns and colors but were afraid to ask. Can plaids and florals go together -- what about reds and purples?

Decorating Consultant Jan Lamb of Pleasing Impressions will help you learn how to effectively pull a room together by using pattern blending techniques for two or more prints or colors at a free workshop offered by the Bloomingdale Public Library on Wednesday, February 26 from 7:30 to 9 pm. Bring your own samples of paint, fabric and wallpaper for some professional advice.

Retirement Financial Planning

Retirees, or those planning to retire within the next ten years, should attend a workshop given by Jim Hari of Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. at the Bloomingdale Public Library on Thursday, March 4 from 7 to 9 pm. Hari will discuss identifying current financial health, developing secure savings programs and understanding tax exposure on investment returns as well in addition to retirement preparation and examples of specific investments for retirement. Learn how to make your "golden years" truly golden.

Wills, Trusts, Probate

Common sense says you can't take it with you -- but you can decide what should be done with it when you're gone. The law office of Douglas B. Trent and the Bloomingdale Public Library want to help you learn to make the best possible choices about your estate at a seminar to be offered Wednesday, March 18, from 7:30 to 9 pm. Mr. Trent and his associate, Ms. Connie Butcher, will discuss the necessity of will preparation for persons of all ages, the differences between wills and trusts and the best choices for each situation, the living will and the general requirements for probate in Illinois.



The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to acknowledge and thank Wal-Mart for the cash donation of \$502.36. The money will be used to purchase recycling and other environmental protection materials for the Library.



Learn To Relax

The stress of everyday life in today's busy and competitive world can affect both physical and mental well-being. To help patrons learn to manage their stress, the Library will present a free program with certified massage therapist Marcie Salnick Holding on Wednesday, March 25 from 7:30 to 9 pm. Ms. Holding, who has taught Yoga, stress management and relaxation workshops both independently and in affiliation with Edward Hospital Women's Center in Naperville, will teach patrons how to use music, visualization techniques, breathing, massage and gentle stretches to release tension and promote relaxation.

Uncover Your Roots

Have you ever wondered if you could be related to royalty like Prince Charles or to an American legend like Daniel Boone? To help you learn how to start uncovering your roots, the Bloomingdale Public Library will sponsor a free workshop by Mrs. Frank Jenkins, a charter member of the State of Illinois Genealogical Society and former editor of the Chicago Genealogical Society Quarterly, on Wednesday, April 1 from 7:30 to 9 pm. Mrs. Jenkins, who has taught genealogy classes since 1976, will explain the use of census and immigration records, as well as family group sheets. If interested, look at home to find all the information you can about your ancestors.

Coping With Depression

Feeling "blue" is normal for many people; but, if depression doesn't pass and nothing relieves persistent feelings of sadness and despair, it may be more serious than just "the blues." Psychologist Marco Parducci, M.S., and child therapist Susanne Skidmore, LCSW, ACSW, will present a program on understanding and coping with depression at the library on Thursday, April 2 from 7-9 pm. They will define depression and discuss both coping techniques and the various prescription medications used for treatment.

Skillet or Wok - Oriental Cooking

Learn the art of Oriental Wok Cooking at the free wok cooking demonstration to be held at the Bloomingdale Public Library on Wednesday, April 22, from 7:30 to 9 pm. Velene Ball of Cooking Craft in St. Charles will demonstrate how deliciously versatile, nutritious and easy preparing beef, chicken or vegetables in a wok can be! Don't have a wok at home? No problem! These dishes can also be prepared in a traditional frying pan. The audience will serve as the "taste testers," so please join us for this fun-filled evening of cooking.

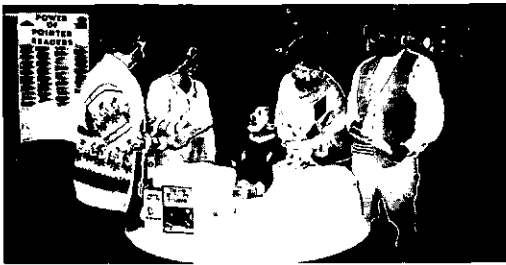
FRIENDS' CORNER



1992 promises to be filled with many fun activities for the Friends of the Library. Another used Book Sale is planned for spring, so your donations of used books, especially children's books, would be appreciated. A BIG SURPRISE will be added this year to delight the youngsters.

And, a special happening will be a reception for our local literary celebrities. And, of course, there will be the Annual Ice Cream Social, Halloween Party and much more. Our Diaper Bags (one in pink and one in blue) are available for the parents-to-be or new parents. They are filled with books on child rearing and special books to read to the baby as well as a video for the future mama and daddy. These Diaper Bags, the results of the financial efforts of the Friends, can be checked out for three week periods.

If you want to be part of this exceptional group of giving people, just call the library at 529-3120.



Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library (left to right): Pat Rooney, Anne Blyth, Jane Batte, Harriet Smolla and Dolores Howe are pictured with the latest arrival to the Youth Services Department, BABY'S FIRST BOOK BAGS. The Friends of the Library donated \$500 for the creation of the baby bags. The Baby's First Book Bags contain books on parenting *What to Expect the First Year*, board books *Tickle, Tickle*, videos *Winston's Potty Chair*, cassettes *Raffi's Singable Songs for the Very Young* and much more! They serve as an introduction to the parents and their baby as to what is available for them at the library. Check it out!

Seven Serve On Library Board



Over the past several years, the library has featured different aspects of the library in a series of feature columns in our newsletter. In 1992, our feature column will focus on individuals who are responsible for the operation of the Library in all areas. In this issue, we are featuring the Library Board of Trustees.

The Library Board of Trustees is comprised of seven individuals who must be at least 18 years old and a resident of Bloomingdale. Library Trustees serve four-year terms without pay. Some of the duties of the Board include: establishing policies for the library, insuring that the library is adequately financed, evaluating library services and long-range planning for the library. The Library Board of Trustees holds regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

Pictured is the current Library Board of Trustees. Standing left to right: Diane Siebold, member since June 1991; Bernadette Tasher, member since July 1983; Chris Becker, member since April 1989; Alice Spanos, member since June 1991. Seated left to right: Jackson Anderson, member since April 1987; Eva DeMarco, member since April 1987, and Kathy Kohl, member since April 1985.

Three Cheers For Books!



The Bloomingdale Public Library and approximately 11 other area libraries in the DuPage Library System will be participating in the fifth annual library promotion, in cooperation with JMB Retail Properties Company at Stratford Square Mall on Saturday, April 4 from 10 am to 6 pm, and on Sunday, April 5, from 11 am to 5 pm. The

libraries' promotion will include displays, story-telling, puppetry, music, learning games, live storybook characters, and more.

The main feature of the promotion will be storytelling. Experienced storytellers from area libraries will be storytelling hourly on Saturday and Sunday. Library displays will be highlighting service to children. The Libraries' segment will be a part of Stratford's promotion "A Child's World," which will include children's crafts and children's activities.



Officer Larson Retires - PD Comes Of Age

Both Shilora Larson and the Bloomingdale Police Department have reached a point of maturity that allows them to look forward to 1992 with new eyes.

This is the first year that Larson, no longer works the streets as a police officer...the first year that she can no longer properly use the title "Officer". She holds the distinction of being Bloomingdale's first police officer to retire from the force. Significantly, this is the first time in more than 20 years that Bloomingdale has not had a woman police officer.

Now retired, Larson is very much involved with the Bloomingdale Police Department as the Department's new records supervisor.

It's a big adjustment, she said, because this time, she knows she will not be going out on the street again. She particularly misses the contact with the public. She also finds that it takes some adjustment to adapt to a highly structured office environment. Even so, she is happy to be where she's at right now. And Deputy Police Chief Chuck Mader, speaking for the department, said that they're pleased that she has chosen to continue working with them.

Thinking back over the years, Larson remembers a lot of good times. She worked side-by-side with other officers nailing furring strips and painting when the police department moved into its first department (located where

Contaldo's is now) in 1973. She rejoiced with the department when they moved into the lower level of the Village Hall in 1977. And, she celebrates with the department its newly expanded facilities today.

She's seen the village grow from a community of roughly 5,000 residents to one of nearly 18,000. She's seen the department grow, too. When she started there were only 4 officers. Today the police department consists of 38 sworn officers and 20 civilians.

What does it take to be a good officer? There's no middle of the road Larson's mind. She said that complete dedication is essential, "You have to want to be a police officer and you must be totally committed."

Other officers, including Deputy Chief Chuck Mader and Chief Gary Schira, have worked along with Larson over the years. They will be celebrating their 20th anniversaries soon. But the time seems to have crept up on them. Mader explained, "You don't recognize the passing of time when you're caught up in the growth of the community and when you're doing what you enjoy."

We salute Shilora Larson and the dedicated men and women who continue throughout 1992 to make Bloomingdale a safe place to live.

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'Twas A Special Christmas At Marklund Home

Christmas at Marklund Home was something very special for 98 children this year -- thanks to the generosity of employees of Marshall Field's at Stratford Square and of Marcel Hair Design of Glendale Heights and the Al Van-Overbake family.

Guy Dixon, Field's general manager, presented gifts chosen for the children by employees at his store to Velma Little of Marklund at a store meeting on December 18. Employees of Marcel Hair Design visited the home the Monday before Christmas with the gifts they collected for each child.



Jacob at the AT&T Christmas party held at Marklund Children's Home. (Photo Courtesy of Press Publications)

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NICOLE M. PELANT tied for ninth place in competition with 14 of America's finest during the recent U.S. Nationals Senior Women's Figure Skating Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Seventeen-year-old Pelant has been skating since she was four-and-half years-old and has been competing since the age of five. "It grows on you...skating has made me more responsible and more mature. It's both fun and challenging," she explained.

Pelant is currently studying Ice Dancing in Dallas, TX. She spends 5-6 hours a day practicing while preparing for

high school graduation. She is currently practicing for a part in an ice show that will be held in Rockford in May.



Pelant plans to pursue her career in skating. She will also go on to college "probably Wilmington, Delaware" where she can couple studies for a career in physical therapy or sports medicine with skating.

Athletes Acclaimed At Lake Park

Three Bloomingdale students at Lake Park High School have earned recognition as Athlete of the Week for their outstanding performance. They will be eligible to be named Athlete of the Year.

TIM GITS a fourth year varsity wrestler and co-captain of his team upset the State fourth ranked - and previously undefeated - wrestler in the West Aurora meet with a score of 8-6. Senior Gits, an honor roll student, has been a three-time sectional qualifier, has 17 career wins and a season record of 24-1 in the 130-pound class.

ERIN WELCH, a Junior, was honored for her performances in games against East Aurora and Waubonsie Valley. A 6-foot forward and co-captain of her team, Welch had 41 points in the two games and a career high 29 points in the victory over East Aurora.

SHANNON NEIDHARDT, a Senior, gained the honor for outstanding performance in the West Chicago Invitational where she finished second in the 500 yard freestyle and set a record time of 1:58:26 in the 200 yard freestyle. Prior to that she had been named Athlete of the Week for her efforts in two invitational swimming competitions that resulted in two first places and anchoring two first place relay teams and led to Lake Park's first Upstate Eight Conference title.

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Welcome Aboard, Gary Szott!

It isn't easy to come into a position that has been pretty much defined by your predecessor. But that is precisely what Gary L. Szott, our current Finance Director, did when he took over for retiring Patricia Just last June.

Replacing her was no easy task. Pat was the Village's first and only Finance Director, beginning as an accountant and growing into her ultimate title as the Village matured.

Gary came to us from the City of Wheaton where he was the assistant finance director for six years. He graduated from Rockford College with a B.S. in accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant.

When he started here the task before him was to take the reins and make the Finance Department his own. This he has done, winning the respect and support of his eight person depart-

ment in a relatively short time. He credits the ease of his transition to his fellow employees who made it "an easy and pleasant experience."

In his spare time, Gary enjoys golf, an interest which is shared with his wife Rose. He is also a basketball enthusiast. At 6'2", he played all through school and still enjoys an opportunity to get out on a court. He and his wife Rose live in Naperville with their 18-month old daughter Allison.

In addition to the daily tasks as Finance Director, Gary also works with the Police Pension Board. As municipal treasurer, he is responsible for the custody and safekeeping of the funds invested by that Village commission.

Gary acknowledges that while each day brings new experiences, perhaps most exciting for him is the challenge to continue to provide Bloomingdale residents with sound financial decisions in today's economic environment.

Gary admits he enjoys the camaraderie of the staff at the Village Hall and says "a long and lasting relationship is anticipated."

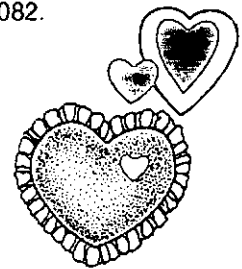
We're banking on that. Welcome aboard, Gary!

Chamber Sponsors Art And Service Auction

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce can help decorate your home, office or place of business. Once again, the Chamber is sponsoring an Art and Service Auction.

This event will be held on Friday evening, April 10, 1992, at the Indian Lakes Resort and conducted by Genesis Galleries. Preview will be at 7 pm and the auction at 8 pm. Works of art will be represented in lithographics serigraphs, original oils, watercolors, mixed media etching and engravings. Prices range from \$35 to several thousand dollars. An extended payment program is available with no interest charge on investment art.

A service auction will also be included in this event. Local businesses have provided items or services which will be silently auctioned. This is a wonderful opportunity to support your business community and to purchase art and service items at affordable prices. For more information and tickets, at \$6 per person, call the Chamber office at 980-9082.



Pot O'Gold Casino

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will host a Pot O'Gold Casino with cash payoffs on Saturday, March 14, 1992, at Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale.

Open ten hours, from 2 pm until Midnight, the huge casino will include blackjack, craps, poker, bang, roulette and money wheels. All proceeds will benefit the sight and hearing impaired and local charities. Admission is a \$10 donation per person with tickets available from Lions Club members or at the door. Tickets for groups of 25 or more can be purchased by calling Peter Hildt at 893-6111.

Indian Lakes Resort is offering a weekend package including a deluxe room for two nights, Friday and Saturday diner, Saturday breakfast buffet, Sunday brunch and many other amenities. The price for the Pot O'Gold Weekend package is \$139.50 per person, based on double occupancy, and is expected to sell out several weeks in advance. For reservations call (708) 529-0200.

Complete with tuxedoed Pit Bosses and well-trained volunteer dealers, the Bloomingdale Lions Club has built a reputation for creating the atmosphere of the professional casinos found in Las Vegas, Reno and Monte Carlo. The Pot O'Gold Casino, three days before St. Patrick's Day, will convey an Irish theme based on the legend of leprechauns and pots of gold.

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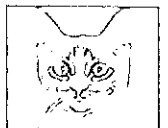
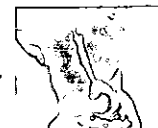
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Hollywood Posters - Park District Museum						
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