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22nd Annual Septemberfest



For 22 years, Bloomingdale residents and area neighbors have been coming together for one last summertime fling the Sunday following Labor Day. The annual Septemberfest celebration has come to be a well-loved gathering of neighbors amid booths set up by not-for-profit organizations, crafters and antique dealers.

The early years featured such events as children's historical costume contests, beard growing contests, hay rides, antique car parades, as well as the still popular food, handmade items and antiques. This year's event will take place from 11 am to 6 pm on Sunday, September 11. The official flag ceremony begins at noon followed by the coronation of the 1994 Septemberfest King and Queen.

The King & Queen contest is open to Bloomingdale young people between the ages of 16 and 21. Deadline for entries is Friday, August 24. For more information on the contest see page 4.

As is tradition, the Septemberfest celebration will be highlighted by a variety of entertainment starting at 11 am with disk jockey Mike Lettieri of M&R Music. At 1 p.m., Four Score, a contemporary men's a cappella group will entertain. The traditional teen talent show will take place from 2-3 p.m. For information call Mike Lettieri at 790-9556.

There will be country line dancing demonstration and instruction from 3-4 p.m. sponsored by Hats 'n Hides of Old Town. From 4-6 p.m. Little Country will entertain and allow interested dancers to dance along. Throughout the day, there will be roving children's entertainment.

According to Septemberfest Chairman Buzz Puccio, there will be plenty of food and drink available thanks to the many non-profit groups participating. Applications for booths for Septemberfest are \$35 and there are still some spots left. No refunds will be made on reserved spaces after August 31. For further information on booth space contact Irene Jones at 893-7000, ext. 219.

Once again, the Bloomingdale Women's Club Festival of Arts will be held in conjunction with Septemberfest activities. The festival hosts approximately 100 exhibitors featuring original works in jewelry, wood, ceramics, artwork and much more.

There is also a children's game area, plus surprise goodies and pop for sale. The proceeds from the festival of arts fund the BWC scholarship program. The remainder of the proceeds will go to the Northwest Memorial Hospice Program. For more information or a booth application call Debbie at 893-8409 or Kathy at 351-5886.

The Park District Museum will also feature something special for Septemberfest from noon to 4 p.m. Courtesy of Lions Club International, the museum will host a spectacular collection of artwork from Japan produced by children. They are colorful renditions of everyday life in Japan.

Also during Septemberfest, the Museum offers the opportunity for the whole family (7 and up) to make an old fashioned craft free of charge. They'll supply the tools to make a simple, but authentic 19th century paper toy.

St. Paul's Church will be hosting their annual Ice Cream Social on the Church grounds. Stop in for a cup of coffee and some homemade sweets.

Mark your calendars and plan on dropping in on Old Town, Lake Street & Bloomingdale Road, as we salute the end of summer and celebrate a 22-year tradition.

Plans on parking availability are still being finalized. Watch your local newspapers for the details as we get closer to the event.

VILLAGE BOARD & COMMISSION MEETINGS

*The public is encouraged to attend
all Board & Commission meetings.*

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2nd and 4th Monday of every month
7:30 pm — Village Hall

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1st Wednesday in May
7:30 p.m.

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of every month
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2nd Wednesday of every month
7:30 pm — Library

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board of Directors Meeting
1st Thursday of every month
8:00 AM — Indian Lakes -
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The screening will take place on August 23 and 24 at Reskin Elementary, 1555 Ardmore Avenue in Glendale Heights. For more information or to make an appointment call Cyndi at 858-1166 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Bloomingdale Park District is looking for volunteers to help with its annual **HALLOWEEN HAPPENING** on October 29. If you would like to help, call the Park District at 529-3650 ASAP as we are in the process of planning now.



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Violators Will Be Fined!

Illinois State law forbids the parking of any motor vehicle in a public or private parking place reserved for handicapped persons, unless the motor vehicle displays handicap registration plates or decals and is either operated by or for the transport of the handicapped person or disabled veteran.

Local law enforcement entities are empowered to enforce handicapped parking restrictions on private property without a contract. The Bloomington Police Department will enforce all handicap parking violators and will further access the Secretary of State's computerized handicapped files to verify a motorist's legitimate use of handicapped license plates and parking cards.

The Illinois Vehicle Code enables a unit of local government to impose fines of at least \$50, in addition to any costs or charges connected with removal or storage of the vehicle, for the unauthorized use of handicapped parking spaces.

Health Spring Facility

The HealthSpring Medical Group opened its new facility in Bloomington recently. HealthSpring says they have established a goal of setting a new benchmark for how health care services are delivered to patients. The facility boasts "one-stop shopping" for its patients with primary physicians in pediatrics, internal medicine, family practice, obstetrics and gynecology. The health center is designed to include pharmacy, radiology, mammography, lab and patient education services.

HealthSpring is located at 30 Stratford Drive and is affiliated with Alexian Brothers Medical Center. The number for more information is 582-1555.

New Address

Press Publications has moved to their new offices at 134 N. Bloomington Road. The phone remains 307-1100.

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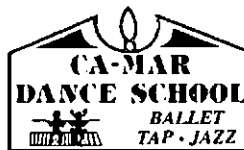
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Bloomingtondale Seeks King and Queen to Reign at Septemberfest

If you are a young man or woman between the ages of 16 and 21, it is time to think about filling out an application for Bloomingtondale's annual King & Queen Contest, which is held in conjunction with the Septemberfest celebration, September 11.

Applicants are judged on appearance, poise, personality, civic involvement and communication skills. The applicants must submit an essay of 300-400 words that describes the contributions they feel they will make as a representative of Bloomingtondale's youth. Candidates are also interviewed by a judging panel made up of representatives of local organizations. The application form, which follows, is also available at the Village Hall and Public Library and must be postmarked by August 24.

The Septemberfest Commission intends to once again award scholarships to the King, Queen and their court. Chairman Sebastian "Buzz" Puccio emphasizes that additional financial contributions are still needed for the scholarship fund, as well as gifts of merchandise for the King, Queen and courts.

If you need further information about the King and Queen contest, or wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, please contact the Village Hall.

1994 Bloomingtondale King and Queen Contest Official Entry Form

I am a resident of incorporated Bloomingtondale, between the ages of 16 and 21 years and would like to enter the 1994 Bloomingtondale King and Queen Contest.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

School _____

Age _____

I have attached a letter of 300-400 words to introduce myself and describe how I can contribute to Bloomingtondale in the role of Mister or Miss Bloomingtondale.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN AUGUST 24, 1994**

Mail applications to
1994 Bloomingtondale King and Queen Contest
c/o Bloomingtondale Village Hall
201 S. Bloomingtondale Road
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Judging date to be determined; coronation date is at Septemberfest on Sunday, September 11, 1994.

**ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET.
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School Supply Donation

Mail Boxes Etc., 156 A Lake Street, in Springbrook Shopping Center is accepting donations of school supplies which will be given to Bloomingtondale Township for children in need. Linda Ketelsen, co-owner of the Springbrook store explains many school age children lack the basic supplies the students need for the school year. Going to school without them can cause the youngsters embarrassment, a loss of self esteem and the tools to do their best in class.

Lists of needed items are available at Mail Boxes Etc. and include glue sticks, scissors, pens, crayons, dictionaries, spiral notebooks, index cards, rulers and book bags. The supplies are for school age children pre-school through 12th grade. Donations will be accepted through Labor Day.

Alzheimer's Support Group

An Alzheimer's Support group meets monthly at Lutheran General Church in Roselle for caregivers and families of loved ones with Alzheimer's or related disorders. The group meets on the first Monday of the month in the Church Library-Activity Room at 7:30 p.m..

The meetings are open to all. There is no fee. For more information on the Roselle group, call Marilyn Dau, group leader 980-8616 or the Chapter Helpline at 933-1000.

Villagers Club

Thursday, September 1 marks the first Villagers' meeting of the season. The program will be "Antique Show & Tell." Those in attendance are encouraged to bring one item they think might be an antique. Kay Shellander of Beacon Avenue Antique Row of Orland Park will personally appraise and give the market value of the item, as well make a presentation on antiques. For more information on the Villagers, call Elaine Moline at 307-8992.

THINK TREES.....Is your lawn care killing your trees?

Mowing and weed management of your lawn can lead to tree problems. If the work done to have the perfect lawn is completed with no regard for your trees, serious damage to the trees may result.

The string trimmer is an innovative tool and a time and back-saver, but keep it away from tree trunks. The immature bark of young trees is particularly vulnerable to damage and many young trees are completely girdled by these trimmers. Even mature bark can be damaged, so the best policy is not to use them near tree trunks (or shrubs, for that matter).

Damage to bark and inner wood of tree trunks from lawn mowers can be very extensive. Such injury can cause cankers and wood rot problems; and, eventually the decay will substantially weaken the strength and structure of the trunk.

A better way to control grass near a tree is to remove the grass around the tree's base and place a circle of mulch around the tree. This reduces grass and weed growth, conserves soil moisture, moderates soil temperatures, adds nutrients and beneficial organisms to the soil as the mulch decomposes, and helps keep lawn mowers and weed trimmers away from your tree. The mulched area should be one foot in diameter for every one inch of trunk diameter or extend as far out as the branch spread or drip line (the larger, the better). Organic mulches, such as composted wood chips, leaf litter, pine straw, shredded bark or peat moss placed two to four inches deep are best. If herbicides are used on your lawn, do not use the grass clippings as tree mulch. Also, do not use fresh grass clippings; they should be dried first.

Two other important points regarding the mulched area and tree health should be mentioned. Mulch should not be stacked up against the trunk of the tree as this will also cause cankers and decay problems. A mulch depth at the trunk of two inches for young trees and four inches for mature trees is correct. Depths of eight to twelve inches will cause serious harm to your tree. Secondly, the establishment and maintenance of the edge between the mulch or cultivated tree area and the grass should not be done by deep cutting the sod, which often cuts and exposes the shallow fibrous feeder roots of the tree. These roots are critical to the tree's water and nutrient uptake which is why mulch is so beneficial and their destruction can be devastating.

Many herbicides or weed killers used on grass can kill or cause severe damage to trees whose roots are within the treated area. Herbicides which can cause tree damage have statements on their labels warning against using the product "near trees." The problem with such herbicides usually lies with the applicators not realizing how far reaching the root system of a tree can be. Roots extending two to three times farther than the branch spread of the tree is very common. Consequently, herbicides are often unknowingly applied "near" tree roots. If herbicides are being applied to turf that may also contain tree roots or in mulched areas, care should be used to select products which are labeled as safe to use near trees.

Lawn sprinkling can also cause problems for trees. Automatic irrigation systems designed for lawn watering can be detrimental to both newly transplanted and established trees, unless they are closely monitored. A surface sprinkling daily to wet the surface of the soil is of little value because most tree roots are at greater depths and remain in dry soil. Heavy daily sprinkling which causes the deeper soils in the tree root zone to remain flooded by excess water will drown or suffocate the roots. When watering a tree, the soil should be soaked to the depth of the tree roots. A thorough watering every seven to ten days is much better than frequent sprinkling. Definite rules are difficult to give, however, one gallon of water per square foot of soil surface area can be used as an estimate making adjustments for soil type. Frequency also depends climatic conditions and soil type. Proper watering is most important as trees suffer as much from over watering as from a deficiency of water.

Careful consideration of the requirements of all your plants as you work toward the perfect yard, will help you attain that goal. If you have questions or require further information, contact Larry Slavicek, Urban Forester at 529-5865.

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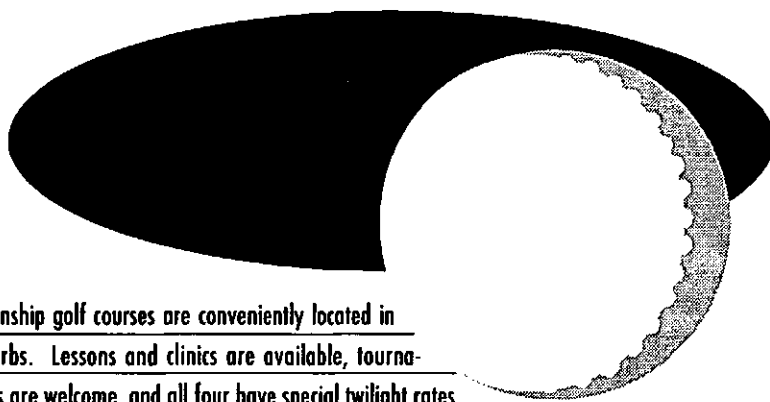
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While the impact of wildlife to private property is a matter to be addressed solely by the property owner, the Village is willing to offer advice in the defense against nature's creatures. The Village does address concerns regarding wildlife as it impacts Village owned property, streets and right-of-ways. For example the Village will arrange for the removal of a hornet's nest in a Village parkway tree; we can offer the names of Pest Control companies if the hornet's nest is in a tree on the resident's property.

Most animal species are protected in some form by a variety of state and federal laws and regulations. These laws and regulations typically require the species to be trapped and relocated rather than destroyed.

The Village of Bloomingdale encourages residents to advise the Village Services Department, Public Works Division of any concerns or suggestions they might have with regards to the control of unwanted wildlife. Your concerns or suggestions should be forwarded to Dennis J. Szafran, Public Works Maintenance Superintendent, at 529-5865, Monday through Friday am to 4 pm.

Residents with concerns regarding domestic animals should contact the Bloomingdale Police Department at 529-9868.

Beginning with this issue the Village presents helpful hints in controlling of unwanted animals and pests. Further information will appear in future Almanacs.

ANIMAL CONTROL COMPANIES

The following companies are available to perform various animal control and exterminator services.

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| 3. All Wildlife Animal Eviction | 708-255-9113 |
| 4. Critter Control | 708-991-9909 |
| 5. Trapper Joe Wildlife Mgmt./Relocation | 708-833-8727 |
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| 3. Bug's Anonymous | 708-529-7216. |
| 4. Sutherland Pest Control | 708-439-9208. |
| 5. Orcin Exterminator Co. Inc. | 708-439-7840 |
| 6. Terminix International | 708-351-7222. |

ANIMAL SPOTLITE *

SKUNKS

This nocturnal animal is particularly fond of denning under concrete slabs, driveways, stoops, patios and sidewalks. When a den is discovered, wait until after dark to use the ammonia procedure (provided below) to avoid confronting the animal. White vinegar is a good odor neutralizer. Young are born in May and are weaned in six weeks. The older youngsters of this species are often seen accompanying their mothers on nocturnal foraging expeditions. If found alone they should be left overnight. If they have not moved by morning, they have possibly become lost or orphaned. Allow the female to raise the young to the

weaning stage and then evict the family. Young skunks often play alone near the den cavity or hole, and should not be bothered.

Remember that even the young are capable of defending themselves with the potent spray when threatened or frightened. **REMEMBER SKUNKS MAY CARRY RABIES. CHILDREN SHOULD BE ADVISED TO STAY AWAY WHEN THEY SEE THEM!!!**

WASPS/BEES/HORNETS

These pests are intruders during the late summer. They appear any place offering access to sweet food. The workers and females are provided with effective stings that can be repeated when threatened. The typical social wasps construct papery nests of masticated vegetable material. They feed on fruits, the nectar of flowers and on insects.

While the uninvited visitors to your picnic or outside barbecue are annoying, keep in mind they all play a role in the food chain scheme. Wasp are responsible for pollinating many of our crops and are food for other animals. To avoid invading their space and soliciting a sting, simply hold still. To avoid them completely, plan your picnics or barbecues in the spring or early summer, before their number increases.

So as you eat your picnic lunch this summer, raise a toast to these often pesky insects who share our world. Then be sure to check your cup or can for any uninvited creatures before you take a drink.

Wasps/Bees/ Hornets can be eliminated by use of insecticidal aerosols or sprays. Nests should be sprayed at night when all the wasps return to their nests. Extreme caution should be used when dealing with wasps.

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES

These procedures identify what is attracting the animal and remove the attraction or block access to it.

To discourage an animal from an outdoor den site:

Spread baking flour in front of the den entrance at dusk and monitor for paw prints. When the animal has left, place an ammonia-soaked rag in the den and fill it in, leaving additional soaked rags along the outside perimeter of the site. Leave the rags in place for two to three days, re-soaking daily when needed. The hollow spaces under concrete stoops can be filled in with instant concrete. Another barrier is hardware cloth buried in an "L" shape which discourages burrowing animals when they reach the curve of the "L".

To discourage an animal from an indoor den site:

Illuminate the den with as much light as possible and leave a loud radio playing 24 hours for two to three days. Ammonia-soaked rags may be placed directly inside or outside the entry hole. After the third day, tape a piece of paper over the hole and monitor for 24 hours. If it remains unbroken, the animal has vacated. Makes repairs immediately.

To assist an animal out of a window well:

Lower a rough-surfaced board (tacked with burlap, carpet scraps, etc.) into a window well at an angle. Nocturnal animals climb out after dark.

To discourage garbage-raiding: Garbage attracts animals-dogs, cats, raccoons, skunks, opossums and crows. To effectively discourage garbage-raiding, store garbage cans where they cannot be raiding, store garbage cans where they cannot be reached or use cans with lids which can be tied or locked in place. ammonia-soaked rags can be placed on top of garbage before securing the lid.

Trapping and relocating animals is not recommended, even when legal. Removing one animal does not eliminate the presence of others. Relocation causes stress for the animal, for any young left behind, and for the existing population at the place of release. It is illegal to relocate wild animals to any forest preserve.

IMPORTANT: When ammonia is recommended, do not use it during the breeding season. It will injure infant wildlife which are too young to escape.

*Information on wildlife pests behavior and control has been provided by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Willowbrook Wildlife Center. Further information can be obtained from fliers at the Bloomingdale Village Hall located at 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. You can also call the Willowbrook Wildlife Center for more information at 708-790-4900.

In the Next Almanac we will cover nesting of birds and mice.

Community Outreach

Since 1984, the Bloomingdale Neighbor Watch program has grown from the initial six to more than 130 block captains. Ever committed to community education, the Bloomingdale Police Department developed Bloomingdale's Citizen Police Academy in 1988 as an extension of the Neighborhood Watch and Community Relations programs.

This series of classes, conducted by the Bloomingdale Police Department, was modeled after a Citizen Police Academy already established in Orlando, Florida. To our knowledge, this Citizen Police Academy is the first of its kind in Illinois.

The purpose of the academy is to build better understanding between residents and police departments through education. The goal of the program is to ultimately assist in the reduction of crime through deeper community support.

The Citizen Police Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers, nor does it give the graduates the authority to act as police officers. What it has achieved is an acute awareness of the in-depth and on-going training given to police officers and a respect for the ability and desire of these officers to serve the community.

The focus of the academy curriculum has been to provide an informative overview of the fundamentals of police work as taught by Bloomingdale police officers representing various areas of expertise. Class structure includes lecture and discussion, role playing and experimentation by students, as well as films and hands-on demonstrations by the instructors. Class topics include:

ORIENTATION:

Students learn how the police department is structured and participate in a vehicle deployment exercise.

CHAPTER 38 -- SEARCH AND SEIZURE:

This covers the Illinois Criminal Code and aspects of Constitutional Law as it applies to Law Enforcement.

D.U.I., CHAPTER 95 1/2, ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION:

This class deals with the Illinois Vehicle Code, D.U.I. laws and how accidents are investigated.

RAPE AWARENESS:

Types of rape, profiles of rapists and the different classifications of rapists are discussed.

AUTO THEFT, RADAR ENFORCEMENT:

Methods and details of radar enforcement are discussed and students are given the opportunity to monitor traffic.

USE OF FORCE, DEFENSIVE TACTICS, HANDCUFFING:

This class covers the lawful amount of force allowed when effecting an arrest and the limitations thereof.

FIREARMS:

Each student participates in a simulation using the Firearms Training System. This is a training device used to create realistic scenarios in which officers fire a .375 Magnum, modified to shoot a laser at a screen on which a lifelike and life-size scene is depicted. The student is put in a shoot/don't shoot situation and must make that decision.

INTERVIEWS AND INTERROGATIONS, JUVENILE LAW:

Proper interview/interrogation techniques are discussed and demonstrated with students given a chance to role play. Juvenile Law covers specifically the Juvenile Justice System and how it operates.

STREET GANGS, BIKER GANGS, SATANIC CULTS:

Gang structure, language, history, location and lifestyle are discussed. Street gangs are emphasized due to their infiltration into the suburbs. Satanic Cults are also discussed.

CRIME SCENE PROCESSING:

Participants are given the opportunity to view and experiment with equipment used to gather evidence from a crime scene. Proper procedure is discussed with demonstrations of different techniques.

The Bloomingdale Police Department intends to continue giving residents the opportunity for crime prevention education using the most innovative programs possible. The substantial increases in suspicious auto and person reports have coincided with the continued growth and success of the Neighborhood Watch Program. As our citizens have become more cognizant of crime prevention techniques, they have also become more active in that endeavor.

Classes begin September 1994

For further information or to sign up for classes call Detective Gary Fuchs at 529-9868.

Library Expansion Plan

On November 8, 1994, voters will be asked to approve the issuance of \$3,600,000 in bonds by the Village of Bloomingdale for the purpose of repairing, remodeling, and expanding the existing library building. The building plan will add 15,000 square feet, provide needed repairs, and improve our collection of books and materials.

The Library Board, elected by the citizens of Bloomingdale, has been planning this project since 1988. We have been fortunate to have had citizen involvement as well as professional studies to develop the plan. The expanded building gives us a well thought-out solution to the problems of:

- inadequate display areas for books and materials
- lack of sufficient seating areas for our patrons
- lack of sufficient programming space for children and adults
- wider aisles, lower shelving, and improved access to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)
- inadequate room for computers and other technology

In the last ten years the use of the Library has increased dramatically:

Patron use, measured by average visits per day, increased 93%.

Circulation (items checked out) has increased 51%.

Reference questions answered has increased 390%.


Library program attendance has increased 751%.

The proposed library building will serve our community well into the future. Projections indicate the building plan will meet the community's growing needs for at least the next 20.

The cost to taxpayers is estimated to be an increase of 3¢ in the Library tax rate. The 1993 tax rate for the Library is 23.29¢. A home

in Bloomingdale with a market value of \$150,000 will pay about \$14 a year more to the Library - about \$1.17 a month. Right now, a family owning that same home would pay about \$108.30 a year for the Library.


A Citizen's Committee is being formed to inform the public on the building plan and November 8th referendum. Please call the Bloomingdale Public Library at 529-3120 if you are interested in helping (you can participate as little or as much as you wish).




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The Bloomingdale Parks Foundation operates as a not-for-profit foundation whose major purpose is to enhance, support and promote quality leisure services, parks and facilities for children and adults in cooperation with the Bloomingdale Park District.

The Foundation functions with four objectives to guide us:

- To support our community
- To assist the Park District in becoming less reliant on property taxes
- To maintain and protect the community's investment in parks and recreation
- To provide future opportunities for parks, recreation and facilities

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

AUGUST

6 Interlibrary Chess Tournament 9am-4pm
10 Library Board Meeting 7:30pm
11 Ice Cream Social 6:30pm -9pm
13 Writer's Workshop 9:30am - Noon
24 Writer's Workshop 7pm-9pm

SEPTEMBER

5 LABOR DAY LIBRARY CLOSED
10 IN PERSON REGISTRATION FOR
FALL PROGRAMS BEGINS
12 TELEPHONE REGISTRATION
FOR FALL PROGRAMS BEGINS
14 Library Board Meeting 7:30pm
19 YOUTH SERVICES FALL PROGRAMS BEGIN
24 Saturday Workshop Grades 1-4 .. 10:30am-11:30am
27 "Avoid Probate: A Living Trust Seminar 7-9pm

OCTOBER

1 "Home Stenciling and Sponge Painting"
-- Linda Jones 10am-Noon
4 "Preparing for a Secure Financial Future"
-- Jim Hari 7-9pm
8 Writer's Workshop 9:30am-Noon
10 "Resume Writing and Job Search" Letter Writing
-- Patricia Bach SMAHRT, Inc. 7pm-9pm
12 Library Board Meeting 7:30pm
19 "The Job of Searching for a Job"
-- Patricia Bach - SMAHRT, Inc. 7pm-9pm
20 "Making Grape Vine Wreaths and
Corn Husk Dolls 6:30pm-9pm
26 Writer's Workshop 7pm-9pm
29 Halloween Party 1pm-3:30pm

A special thank you to all who helped during the cleanup of the Library's lower level after the flooding that occurred on June 24. Your efforts helped get everything back in order with little interruption of service to the public. THANKS AGAIN!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 9:30 am - 5 pm
Sunday CLOSED

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1993-1994

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Bloomingdale Public Library actively provides current, high-demand popular materials and useful, timely information in a variety of formats for persons of all ages in pursuit of their recreational and personal needs. The Library places special emphasis on stimulating young children's interest in reading and learning, and assists students of all ages in formal education courses.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

The Library Board of Trustees and staff are committed at all times to providing excellence in library service. The trustees and staff actively work together to make the Library an open, friendly and warm place for patrons to visit.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

On April 30, 1994, Bloomingdale Public Library's fiscal year ended, and the statistics revealed that 1993-94 was a great year for the Bloomingdale Library. Our year was so successful because of the wonderful patronage of our community and the outstanding support of the Bloomingdale business community and non-profit organizations such as the Lions Club and the Friends of the Library. In addition, the fine support the Library received from the Village of Bloomingdale helped to make the Library's year very successful.

BELOW ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF FY-1993/1994

Our Patrons -

- checked out 166,398 items (books, videos, cassettes, etc.)
- visited the library 174,891 times. This averages out to approximately 8.9 visits for each resident in Bloomingdale.
- registered for many library cards. Currently 12,078 residents (60%) of Bloomingdale have registered library cards.

Our Staff -

- added 5,198 new items (books, cassettes, videos, CD's, etc.) to our collection of materials, which increased our total collection to 61,079 items.
- presented programs to 14,003 patrons; 11,370 children and 2,713 adults.
- answered a record-breaking number of reference questions, approximately 28,808 during the year.

The Library -

- provided rooms for community group meetings 186 times and for library programs 285 times, for a total of 471. That's an average of almost 9 activities each week.
- Expanded the library's patron microcomputer center by adding another IBM-Compatible computer with windows software and a laser printer, for resume printing etc.
- Added another (OPAC) Online Public Access Catalog for patrons to facilitate access to the library's holdings and the holdings of eight other libraries.
- Added another copy machine for public use to accommodate more patrons.
- Expanded the Library's Homebound Service by starting home delivery to individuals in addition to delivery to nursing care facilities.
- Created a special business reference area to facilitate patron access to the library's business materials.
- Started three new programs for school age children. The programs included a no school program series, an after school program series and a summer reading program series for older children.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - Fiscal Year 1993/1994

REVENUES

Local Government property taxes	\$782,642.00
Capital Income from Bonds	167,397.00
Per Capita Grant	19,771.00
LSCA Grant	
Fines, Fees, donations etc.	<u>65,419.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,035,229.00

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Benefits	\$486,794.00
Printed Materials	73,490.00
Nonprint Materials	13,951.00
All Other Operating Expenditures	172,376.00
Capital Outlay for Building Construction	25,384.00
Capital Outlay for All Other Fixed Assets	<u>198,810.00</u>
Total of All Expenditures	** \$970,805.00

The figures are taken from the Illinois State Library Annual Report before the year end audit.

THANK YOU

1993-94 was a very busy and progressive year for the Bloomingdale Public Library. The Library Board and Staff extend a special thank you to everyone for making it so successful.

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT FALL PROGRAM

REGISTRATION

The Youth Services Department will begin registration for Fall Programming on Saturday, September 10, 1994.

You may register IN PERSON from 9:30 am to 5 pm on Saturday, September 10.

You may register BY TELEPHONE or in person beginning Monday, September 12 at 9:30 am. Telephone Youth Services at 529-3120.

Please have your Bloomingdale Public Library card handy when registering. Bloomingdale Public Library patrons will be given priority in all programming, others will be placed on a waiting list and notified if/when space is available.

Fall programs begin the week of September 19, 1994.

TODDLER TIME

Toddler Time will be held on Monday mornings. Toddler Time is for children 18-36 months, accompanied by an adult. Nursery rhymes, finger plays, stories and music will be featured. Please wear comfortable clothes so you can participate with your child. Enrollment is limited to 15 children per session.

Monday 9:45-10:15 am 18-24 mos. (Sept. 19 - Dec. 5)

Monday 10:30-11:00 am 25-36 mos. (Sept. 19 - Dec. 5)

Monday 11:15-11:45 am 18-36 mos. (Sept. 19 - Dec. 5)

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR



Join us for a fun-filled hour of stories, musical activities, filmstrips, songs, finger plays and crafts. Preschool Story Hour is for 3-5 year-olds. Five-year-olds enrolled in Kindergarten are welcome! Enrollment is limited to 25 children per session.

There are four sessions to choose from:

Tuesday (Sept. 20 - Dec. 6) 1-2 pm

Wednesday (Sept. 21 - Dec. 7) 10-11 am

Thursday (Sept. 22 - Dec. 8) 10-11 am

Thursday (Sept. 22 - Dec. 8) 1-2 pm

SATURDAY WORKSHOP

Saturday workshops are for students in Grades 1-4. They are held once a month and feature a story program and a related craft.

Saturday, Sept. 24 10:30-11:30 am

Saturday, Oct. 22 10:30-11:30 am

Saturday, Nov. 5 1:00-2:00 & 2:30-3:30 pm

(Brookfield Zoo Tree Trimming Craft for ALL AGES)

Saturday, Dec. 10 10:30-11:30 AM

EVENING DROP-IN STORY TIME

The Library once again will offer **Evening Drop-In Story Time**. These Story Times are designed to serve patrons unable to attend the Story Times offered during the day. They will be held for **eight weeks** on Tuesdays, from 7-7:30 pm. Evening Drop-In Story Time is for children 3 - 5 years old, and **does not require registration**.

Tuesday (Sept. 20 - Nov. 8) 7-7:30 pm



CELEBRATE FALL

The Library will continue to plan programming for students in Grade 4 - 6, called Celebrate Fall. These programs are offered with the older student in mind. To get us started, the principles of design will be introduced in Autumn Designs followed by the application of these concepts in the following programs - printing on paper, printing with ink on silk screens, and finally applying shapes and other forms of decorations to sweat-shirts. You may sign-up for any or all of these programs.

Tuesday, September 20 4-5 pm Autumn Designs

Tuesday, October 18 4-5 pm Block Printing

Tuesday, November 22 4-5 pm Screen Printing

Tuesday, December 13 4-5 pm Sweatshirt Decorating

RED CROSS CLASSES

Back by popular demand, the Youth Services Department is offering two RED CROSS Classes, **First Aid for Little People** for students in grades K-6 and **Home Alone** for students in grades K-6 this Fall and again the Spring. Consult the next VILLAGE ALMANAC for exact dates and times.

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AVOID PROBATE: A LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

Tuesday, September 27 from 7 to 9 pm. Learn how a Living Trust can save you time and money. Scott Goldman, a Certified Financial Planner and Ira Moltz, an attorney, will discuss how to avoid lengthy probate, and reduce estate tax. Also, why the Living Trust is replacing the Will and more.

JOB INTERVIEWING SKILLS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 28 from 7 to 9 pm. Learn how to make your job interviews lead to job offers. This first program of a three part series offered by Patricia Bach of SMAHRT, Inc. will teach you how to prepare for an interview, how to dress and act, how to ask, as well as answer all the right questions.

PREPARING FOR A SECURE FINANCIAL FUTURE

Tuesday, October 4 from 7 to 9 pm. Retirees, or those over 50 who are planning on retiring within the next ten years, should attend this workshop. Jim Hari of Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. will discuss how to identify your current financial health, developing secure savings program, and understanding tax exposure on investments. Retirement preparation and examples of specific investments for retirement will also be addressed.

HOME STENCILING AND SPONGE PAINTING

Saturday October 1 from 10 am to 12 noon. Learn the newest techniques of stenciling and sponge painting. Linda Jones will offer this "hands on" program to learn these inexpensive and attractive ways to decorate your home. Attendance limited. Call for a list of materials.

RESUME WRITING AND JOB SEARCH LETTER WRITING

Monday October 10 from 7 to 9 pm. Learn how to write a winning resume and cover letter. This second program of a three part series offered by Patricia Bach of SMAHRT, Inc. will discuss to do's and don'ts of Resume and Job Search Letter Writing. Learn how to put a resume together, the pitfalls to avoid, and much more.

THE JOB OF SEARCHING FOR A JOB

Wednesday, October 19 from 7 to 9 pm. Looking for a new job but not sure how to proceed? This third program of a three part series offered by Patricia Bach of SMAHRT, Inc. will discuss Job Search psychology, market research, employment networking, as well as general job searching tips and much more.

MAKING GRAPE VINE WREATHS AND CORN HUSK DOLLS

Thursday, October 20 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Learn how to create beautiful decorations for your home. Tobie Star Abrams will offer a free "hands on" program where you will learn to make wreaths from fresh grapevines and dolls from corn husks. Come and see how easy it is to be creative. Attendance limited. Call for a list of materials.

FAMILY NIGHT

With families in mind, the Youth Services Department is offering programs throughout the school year to interest people of all ages. We hope you enjoy the line-up and plan to attend!

Family Science Fair Workshop

Thursday, September 22

7-8pm

Family Tall Tale Night

Thursday, November 17

7-8pm

Writer's Workshop Plans Special Programs

Robert Shallcross, co-author of the script for Spielberg's "Little Giants" will speak at the August 13 meeting of the Writer's Workshop from 9:30 to noon.

A special inter-library seminar is planned for September 24 from 10 am to 3 pm. Guest speakers will include an agent, a publisher, a network specialist and a published author. \$10 fee will include the cost of lunch. All are invited.

The Writer's Workshop meets on the second Saturday from 9:30 am to noon and the fourth Wednesday every month. For details regarding these programs, call the Library, 529-3120 or Joan-Marie Moss, 980-8539.

KIDZ KORNER

Kidz Korner, the newsletter for and about young people in Grades 5-8, has produced its first two issues and is going strong. Available for pick up in the Youth Services Department, Kidz Korner is still looking for interested young people who would like to donate time and talent to this worthwhile endeavor! If you would like to

join the Kidz Korner team, telephone the Youth Services Department at 529-3120. You are also invited to drop in at a Kidz Korner meeting, held every second Wednesday of the month in the Program Room of the Library at 5-6 pm.

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BLOOMINGDALE FAMILY FEST THANK YOU

Family Fest 1994 was held on June 23, 24, 25 and 26. In spite of the rain that delayed the opening of the Fest until late Friday afternoon, the whole event was very successful. Those who attended enjoyed an array of food and a variety of entertainment—musical acts, carnival rides, camel and pony rides, pig races, magicians, clowns, stilt walkers, and more.

The event was very successful and ran smoothly without any major incidents. This was due to the fine cooperation, planning and hard work of the Family Fest Commission members, who work almost year-round to put this event together:

Marjorie Abraham, Volunteers
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Joe Draghi, Volunteers
Tim Goergen, Police Department Liaison
Ed Lewen, Public Works Department Liaison
Gary Szott, Village Finance Liaison
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Gary Fuchs, Police Department Liaison
Dennis Szafran, Public Works Dept Liaison
Pat Maxwell, Commission Secretary

Special mention goes to the Village Services Department. Their hard work on site after the Thursday rains left the grounds devastated. They worked tirelessly through the night dumping and raking woodchips, sand and straw on huge areas of sodden ground and transformed the site, so the Fest could go on with only a brief delay. Their efforts were greatly appreciated, for keeping the site usable despite the rains, and to the Police Department staff for security. A special thank you also to the Police Department for the fine security work done for the Fest before and during the event; Police Liaison Tim Goergen for his fine cooperation and Gary Fuchs for assisting.

A thank you also goes out to the Village of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Park District for the spectacular fireworks display, the Village officials for their support, Gary Schira for announcing, the staff of the Village Hall and the Library, Tony Pontarelli and Verne Barnes for their fine cooperation and the Bloomingdale Lions Club for sponsoring a new event, Bingo, at the Fest this year.

Thanks also to the Park District and Village for the fireworks, to the Village Hall and Library staffs for their help and to Tony Pontarelli and Verne Barnes for their fine cooperation, as well as to the many volunteers who manned the ticket ride booths. Others who deserve special recognition for their support of the family Fest include:

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And, of course, thank you to the volunteers, who worked diligently for the success of the Fest, and to everyone who attended the Family Fest. We're looking forward to seeing each and every one at Family Fest 1995.

Mary E. Rodne, Family Fest Chairman

They Will Be Missed By All

The Reverend James Beecken and his wife Delores came to St. Paul United Church of Christ in



1967. After 27 years of dedicated service, the couple will retire on August 28. His congregation looks back lovingly on the many hours Pastor Jim and Delores have spent working for the church and thanks them for living their lives around the congregation of St. Paul's.

In reflecting on the last 27 years, it was determined that Pastor Jim has presided over 362 baptisms, 371 confirmations, 218 weddings and 171 funerals. He has trained 1,115 members, and conducted 2,218 services. The total Sunday attendance through July 10, 1994 under his guidance is 314,718.

There are many more statistics that could be listed here in reference to Pastor Jim's service to his flock. The important thing is that he and his wife were there for the people of St. Paul's and that they chose to share their lives and ministry with them for more than a quarter of a century.

In the words of one of his parishioners, "They dedicated them-

selves with love to teaching our congregation of our Lord and His Word. There are so many ways we could praise Pastor Beecken, but most of all we will miss his dynamic and meaningful messages from the pulpit." In a final gesture of their love and great esteem for their pastor, the reception hall has been named the Beecken Room.

The Beeckens are moving to Michigan to be close to their daughter and her family. Their parishioners are holding a retirement celebration for the couple on August 21 at Indian Lakes Resort. For more information or for reservations call Sue Matula at 894-2580. We offer our best wishes to the Beeckens for a long and happy retirement.

Ryan Talbott earned the Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouting's highest honor. For his service project, he designed and directed the construction and assembly of an adjustable shelf storage unit for the Marklund Children's Home for the youngsters' therapy items.

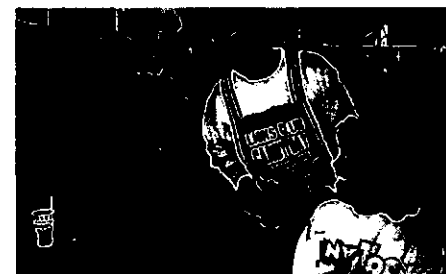
Ryan has held several leadership roles and is a member of the prestigious Order of the Arrow and the Brotherhood Ordeal. The son of Dale and July Talbott plans to major in business administration/marketing at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Lions Roar

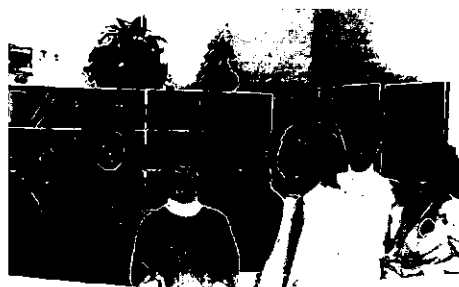
The Bloomingdale Lions Club recently installed Ron Fangusaro as the President for the 1994-95 year. Also installed were first Vice President Paul Gerace, second Vice President Mike Morrisroe, third Vice President Tom Zaccardi, Secretary Marv Roehlke, Treasurer Paul Becker. Ray Cooney, Fred Fredriksen, Steve Sederquist and Terry Thayer became directors. Harlan Robinson was elected Tail Twister and Tom Zipparo is the new Lion Tamer.

Outgoing President Ralph Laich presented Melvin Jones Fellowships, the highest award of the Lions Club International Foundation, to Kevin Acker and Bob Cywinski.

The Lions also made a donation of \$7000 to Campaign Sightfirst which brings this club's donation to \$22,000, the most of any club in the 74 Lions Clubs in District I-J. another \$1500 was earmarked for a legally blind local youngster.



Lion Ray Cooney delivers some more Bingo cards to happy bingo players at Family Fest



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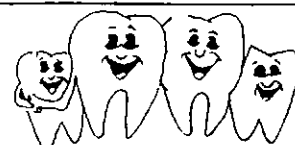
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In Celebration of Freedom

When Bloomingdale resident and fourth-grade teacher Becky Jarolin had her students participate in a project to send boutonnieres to Normandy for the D-Day celebration, she intended to give her students an opportunity to connect with a time in history.

What happened as a result of that gesture will make this event even more real for these youngsters who are three generations removed from that period in history. Jarolin has received responses directed to the individual youngsters from people at the Normandy D-Day re-enactment.

The responders are varied - a French veteran, a sergeant from Florida, a veteran from Pennsylvania who lost two brothers on the beaches, a woman who was a counterintelligence operative for a while...They are, for the most part, notes of thanks, of vivid remembrances of that day and of the war itself, notes laced with emotion.

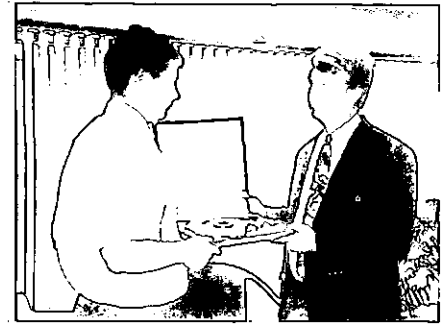
A veteran from New Jersey tells of being stranded on Utah Beach, his legs torn on barbed wire, a young man not quite 19. He was touched by the patriotism of today's youngsters and urged them to always have pride in America. Perhaps the most moving one is from a 70-year old woman from

Pompano, Florida who lost her fiancé on Utah Beach. She sent a news clipping describing her trip and the reasons she made it, along with her letter. It's difficult to get through some of these without a lump in your throat.

Jarolin will give the youngsters an opportunity to respond to the cards and letters. She will also make a bulletin board display of the postcards and letters everyone can share these glimpses into history. Perhaps having made the connection to D-Day and its participants, the fifth graders at Waterbury School will now have touching memories of their own of the historic D-Day landing.



Breezie from First Chicago Bank made a hit with youngsters at Family Fest.



Senor Angel Villar, president of the Royal Spanish Federation, presents Village Administrator Dan Wennerholm with a token of appreciation from the Spanish Soccer team for the welcome extended by the people of Bloomingdale.

Jeff Kennedy, Lake Park senior, will participate in the Coast to Coast Bicycle Classic, a 48-day cross-country bicycle ride from Seattle, Washington to Asbury Park, New Jersey for charity. Kennedy will be riding for the American Lung Association. He is looking for donations to the Lung Association now. He is currently the only rider from the state of Illinois. Kennedy will appear on the David Letterman Show which he hopes to do the end of August or beginning of September. If you would like to help Jeff's trip, contact him at 893-0583.

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