



Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

February 2002

From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

In February we always like to thank the many people who volunteer their time and talents for the good of the Village. On page 5 you will see the names of those who served on committees and commissions during the year 2001. On page 4 we also acknowledge the Neighborhood Watch participants – these residents serve as the extra “eyes and ears” of the Bloomingdale Police Department.

Also in this issue, you will find a short history of the Bloomingdale Lions Club. The club was chartered in 1961 and has enjoyed 40 years of remarkable service to the local community, as well as to the hearing and sight impaired. I offer congratulations to this fine Bloomingdale organization. We’ve come across some old pictures you might enjoy. See if you can find any familiar faces.

Speaking of old pictures and memories, the Bloomingdale Historical Society is looking for both. In conjunction with the Local History Room at the library, the organization is trying to piece together a history of the former Central School, which stood on Day Street for 50 plus years. Anyone having pictures of events, class groups, classrooms, etc. are encouraged to share them with the History Room. Photos will be scanned and returned.

They are also looking for memories from anyone who attended (or worked at) Central. Those interested in sharing a remembrance (or two) can pick up a form to jot down their thoughts.

Forms are available at the library and at the Village Hall. Call Annamarie or Barb at the library’s local history room at 529-3120 ext. 341 for more information.

Lastly, don’t miss an opportunity to see the professional production of “Late Nite Catechism” this month. A Chicago original and international hit, “Late Nite Catechism” runs weekly at the Royal George Theatre in Chicago and The Copely Theater in Aurora. Thanks to the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee, you will be able to see the same professional show at Lake Park West Campus on February 23 & 24. For more information see page 8 or Community Events on page 11.



Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee members are gearing up for the Late Nite Catechism performances. Here John Vertnik (l) and Remo Turano (r) with their fighting nun puppets flank Branka Poplonski and Jacki Unger. (not pictured – Georgene Geils) For more information see p 8.

VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

2nd and 4th Monday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

3rd Wednesday of every month
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Quarterly beginning in January
4th Monday
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 - Illinois Room

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday of every month
9:30 a.m. -- Library

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

4th Tuesday of the month
March-December
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

BUSINESS PROMOTION & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1st Friday of the month
10:00 a.m. - Village Hall

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Tuesday of the month
7:30 p.m. - Firehouse,
179 S. Bloomingdale Road

The following committees meet on a less regular basis or as needed. Call the Village Hall at 671-5600 for the next scheduled meeting.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Quarterly or as needed

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Six times a year or as needed

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Robert G. Iden

Village President

Susan L. Bartucci

Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

Robert Czernek

Legal & Intergovernmental

John Dabrowski

Police

Patrick S. DeMoon

Finance & Personnel

James M. Gebis

*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Judi Von Huben

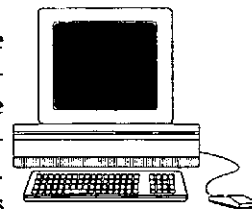
*Community Programs &
Special Events*

Gloria Reyes

Public Works & Services

**We'd like to hear from you:
Please note our website
address --**

If you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, our address is:



VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-net.att.net

Our website address is:

www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us

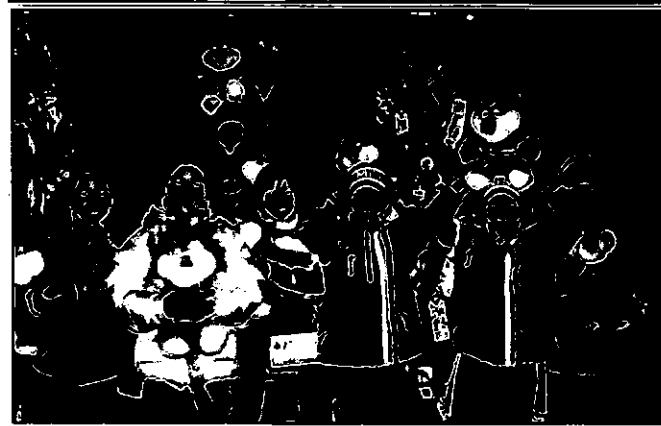
**The deadline for
the April issue of
the
Almanac is
MARCH 10**

Decorators of All Ages

*Top: The
Bloomingdale Senior
Advisory Council
adds the finishing
touches to their tree
at the Library's
Snowman Crossing.*

*Bottom: Winnebago
Principal Mark
Wagener, his pal,
DAREN the Lion,
and the fifth grade
DARE class pose
after trimming their
tree for Snowman
Crossing.*

*Nearly 20 community
groups participated
in the festive event
this year.*



Spring Branch Collection Begins March 25

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry Division will be conducting its Spring Branch Collection Program beginning on March 25, 2002. **PLEASE NOTE** - To better serve our residents a summer pick-up is again being included in the program. Residents' branches will again be collected three times during the year, once during spring, summer and fall. The summer pick-up will take place during July. Large branches downed by storms will also be picked up. Small branches and twigs downed during storms should be bagged for BFI pick-up. For storm damage pick-up, please contact Helen Price at 630-671-5800 (or e-mail to pricheh@vil.bloomington.il.us) **within 72 hours of storm for scheduling.**

The branch collection program is available to single family detached residences within the Village of Bloomingdale only. If residents of townhomes have questions regarding branch collection, please contact your association.

The following information shall assist residents regarding branch collection procedures:

☐ Branches must be out **NO LATER THAN 7 A.M. ON THE DAY PICK-UP IS TO BEGIN** for the section as **our crew will be making only one pass down each block and will not return.** Branches should not be placed on the parkway prior to 10 days before the scheduled beginning pick-up date for the section.

☐ Woody branches up to six inches in diameter and up to twenty feet in length are the only items that will be picked up. Long lengths, up to twenty feet, are favored. Do not reduce the length for our benefit. Any branches exceeding six inches in trunk diameter will not be picked up. Our chipper is designed to chip woody limbs and branches. The equipment will not grind small twigs, vines or other

non-woody yard waste. **LEAVES, VINES, SMALL (under 1/2 inch in diameter) FLEXIBLE WILLOW STEMS, HERBACEOUS PLANTS AND WEEDS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BECAUSE THE SOFT MATERIAL CLOGS AND DAMAGES OUR EQUIPMENT. IF IT IS BAGGABLE, IT IS YARD WASTE.**

☐ All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and should be **STACKED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION** with the cut or larger end towards the pavement. In areas with very narrow parkways, branches can be stacked on the front yard side of sidewalk or parallel to the street with all cut ends on one end of the stack. Small branches may be bundled with string. **PLEASE NOTE** - branches left out in a **tangled mess will not be picked up** due to time required for our crew to sort for loading.

☐ Branches with spikes, hooks or other metal objects will not be picked up. **STUMPS, ROOTS, ROOT BALLS, WOODEN FENCE AND CONSTRUCTION LUMBER ALSO WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

☐ Please do not conceal thorny tree branches inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to our workers.

☐ Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with tags for B.F.I. pick-up. B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups should be directed to 847-429-7370.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program. For further information, please call Helen Price at 630-671-5800.

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SPRING 2002 BRANCH PICKUP SCHEDULE

SECTION ONE: Pick-up begins March 25, 2002
Area bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Old Gary Avenue on the west, Schick Road on the north, and Bloomingdale Road on the east.

SECTION TWO: Pick-up begins April 1, 2002
Area bounded by Schick Road on the south, Gary Avenue/Cloverdale Road on the west, Lake Street on the north, and Bloomingdale Road on the east.

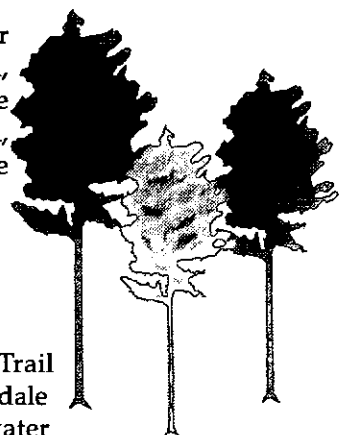
SECTION THREE: Pick-up begins April 8, 2002
Two areas with the first bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Glen Ellyn Road on the west, Lake Street on the north and Medinah Road/Walter Road on the east. The second area is bounded by Lake Street on the south, Rosedale Avenue on the west, Picton Road/Foster Avenue on the north, and Medinah Road on the east.

SECTION FOUR: Pick-up begins April 15, 2002

Area bounded by Edgewater Drive on the south, Bloomingdale Road on the west, Lake Street on the north, and Glen Ellyn Road on the east.

SECTION FIVE:
Pick-up begins April 22, 2002

Area bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Bloomingdale Road on the west, Edgewater Drive on the north, and Glen



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

As we look forward to a brighter future in the year 2002, the Bloomingdale Police Department would like to recognize and express gratitude to the following residents who have volunteered their time and talents in the continued success of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Thank you for all your efforts in keeping our community safe.

Mary Albert	Amy Frane	Jane & Gil Michelotti	Mary Santucci
Cindy Albin	Mitch & Vivi Frumkin	Elaine Moline	Lewis Sapien
Hugh Bailey	Laura Geraci	Chris Monisco	John & Bonnie Sassmann
Frank Bartolone	Sally Gill	Mary Jane Murray	Susan Schembari
Robert Becker	Joyce Gladbach	Dick & Dottie Nagle	Christine Butler-Schoaf
Lee Beckermann	Sue Glynn	Donald Napoli Jr.	Rhonda Schubert
Daniel Bell	Joyce Go	Carol & Andrew Neff	John Schultz
Anna Marie Bergl	Sharlene Grass	Kathleen Nendze	Patricia Shanahan
James Bitzer	Vincentine Grassmuck	Carol & Dennis Neri	Donna Shaw
Pam Brewer	Agnes Gribbon	Carol Nies	Kendra Siegle
Mary Lynn Brown	Patrick Griffin	Georgette Nootens	Barb Soden
Greg Burgess	Charissa Hannigan	Holly Paoletti	Mary Soellner
Andre Burke	Jim Harris	Elizabeth Pavia	John Sofere
Brad Butler	Connie Hasselbach	Laurell Pearce	Nilofer Sohel
Michael Cannata	Juanita Hathaway	Sandra Perakis	Juanita Soyaut
Gregory Carrol	Jacquelyne Hill	Dawn Percadani	Rich & Cindy Stepanek
Lynnette Casolari	Rich Hodyl	Frances Pingel	Janice Toy
Edward Christofano	Donna Hoidas	Sandy Polito	Carl Triana
Bart Cohen	Jane & Dennis Hyde	Dorothy Prohaska	Steven & Staci Usedom
Don Coleman	Dorothy Jaskey	Patrick Quigley	Jeannie Van-Sky
John & Erin Corley	Gretchen Johnson	Bernard Rapacz	Enza Vicari
Carol Cosentino	Henry Jones	Roberta & Michael	Susan Voelker
Clarence Costa	Jennifer Jordan	Ratliff	Mary Theresa Wedel
Patricia Cox	George Kas	Pam Rion	Cindy Westfall
Ginger Crissie	Joyce Klinowski	Virginia Riordon	Constance White
Susan Culhane	Kathleen Kohl	Marvin Roehlke	Bob Wikrent
Ray Cullerton	Alan J. & Lori A.	Gail Rohlfing	Patricia Zaborowski
Josephine Dabrowski	Kramer	Roger Rossi	Louise Zeiton
Janet Davitt	Joseph Kuzdzal	Cynthia Rothamer	
Bonnie Decoursey	Sandra Lamar	Judi Rotondo	
Daniel Del Campo	Rita & Frank Letizia	Pam Ryan	
Kort Dickson	Anthony & Theresa		
Mary Ann Divinece	Lobracco		
Monica Dolhun	Linda Magnussen		
Lue Domingo	Rozanne Malott		
Donna Doyle	James Mandock		
Paula & George Duffey	John Manos		
Donna Dwyer	Judy Martin		
Patty Eagleton	Mary McGowan		
Cathy Favilla	Paul McIntyre		
Tim Fenner	Patrick McNamara		
Mary Sue Fornari	Victoria Melvin		

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our Police Department

**OUR SUCCESS IS
MEASURED BY THE
SCOPE OF YOUR
INVOLVEMENT**

Sincerely,

Gary J. Schira,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Detective

529-9868

Scholarship Funds Available from Local Organizations

Once again several scholarships are available for residents through local groups. The **Bloomington Women's Club** is pleased to announce its 2002 scholarships. They are awarding three \$500 scholarships: two are available to male or female high school seniors residing in Bloomington; the other is available to a woman resident of the Village who is continuing her education or updating her skills. Community service will be a major component for awarding the scholarships.

Applications are available at the Village Hall, the Bloomington Public Library and in the guidance office of local high schools as well as in the Financial Aid Office at the College of DuPage. Applications can also be requested by writing to Bloomington Women's Club Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 271, Bloomington IL 60108. All applications are due back to the club by April 15, 2002. For more information, call Candie Vaitkevicius (630) 462-0540.

The **Bloomington Chamber of Commerce** will also be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing post secondary students for vocational, business or a 2 or 4-year college. Candidates must be a Bloomington resident. Previous Bloomington Chamber of Commerce scholarship winners will not be considered. Applications will be due back in mid-April. Call the Chamber office at 980-9082 for more details on requirements and to request an application.

Applications are also now being accepted for three scholarships for college-bound high school seniors who previously attended **District 13 schools**. The scholarships, made available by the district's parent-teacher



organizations, may be picked up at Lake Park, Driscoll Catholic and St. Francis high schools. Applications must be returned to the sponsoring school. See application for deadline to return.

Students may apply for scholarships offered by either school they attended. Scholarship winners will be selected by a committee who evaluates the student's application, grade point averages, introductory letters and letters of recommendation. This is the tenth year the PTOs have been offering the college scholarships.

The **Bloomington-Roselle Rotary Club** is also awarding a \$500 scholarship by way of an essay contest about the "4 Way Test" of the things we think, say, or do. This ethical test has been used throughout Rotary International since 1948.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it BUILD GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Eligibility requirements for the contest are that the applicant:

- (1) be a resident of or attend school in Bloomington, Roselle, or Medinah, Illinois,
- (2) be a graduating high school senior, and
- (3) submit an application information page and an essay about the "4 Way Test"

For a list of further rules, seniors should contact their schools or write to the Bloomington-Roselle Rotary Club at P.O. Box 596, Bloomington, IL 60108. ATTN: 4-way test. Applications for the scholarship award must be postmarked no later than April 27, 2002.

Thanks

We extend thanks to the following individuals for their volunteer contributions during 2001 to Village Commissions and Committees:

Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Jacki Unger	John Vertnik
Branka Poplonski	Remo Turano
Georgene Geils	

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
Louis Pavone	

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Mark Kreciak
Steve Apostolopoulos	Robert Denney
Shilora Larson	

Plan Commission

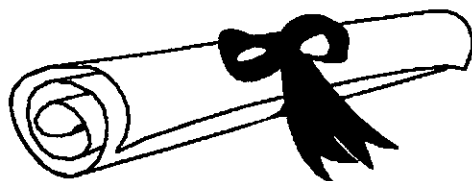
Mauro DeFalco	Jim King
Judi Von Huben	Guy Sanalitro
Jeff Dolce	Ron Fangusaro
Rick Tayfel	Alice Eakin

Septemberfest Commission

Barbara Arrivi	Debby Bodnar
Mary Jo Bailey	Pam Hagar
Mike Korney	Donna Fielder
Dolores Orlik	Irene Jones
Gloria Tomaras	

Family Fest Commission

Pat Cirrincione	Milton Clark
Peg Hartnett	Kandice Krettler
Mary Rodne	Guy Sanalitro
Geri McGreevy	



Garden Calendar: February & March

Don't be fooled by warm, sunny days. It is still too early to remove mulches, screening and other winter plant protection. Make sure they are still in place.

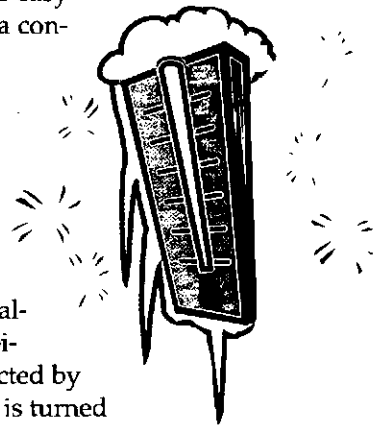
Prune trees and shrubs. The ideal time to prune is in the dormant season, after the coldest weather and prior to new growth. Prune spring-flowering plants after they bloom to avoid removing this spring's flowers.

Winter Water Main Breaks

Winter is typically a busy time of year for our crews. Water main breaks occur year round, but are more frequent in the winter months. "Water main break" is a term frequently used to describe a variety of underground pipeline failures.

The Village water distribution infrastructure consists of approximately 122 miles of water mains, 1750 fire hydrants, 6,000 b-boxes, and 1500 valves to maintain and repair. These are generally located in the parkway in front of your home or in rear yard easements. Most water main breaks are easy to detect as the ground above the leak will swell and a constant flow of water will run out.

Repairs are typically scheduled by the severity of the leak with priority given to the safety of the water supply, potential for damage, and inconvenience to the affected customers. The time required to make repairs will vary due to conditions, such as weather, and conflicts with other utilities. To make a repair, the crew has to shut off the water main. Water is generally off 4 to 6 hours for the average repair. The crews typically knock on the doors of the homes of residents affected by the shut down, unless it's late at night. Once the water is turned back on, it may be discolored. This discoloration is generally due to mineral sediments in the water main which are disturbed by the repairs. This will settle in a short period time. Unless you are specifically notified, the water remains potable (safe to drink).



To report a water main break please call the Village Services – Utilities Division at 671-5830 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:00pm. After hours, the on-call person can be reached by calling the Police Department's non-emergency number at 529-9868.

Think More Trees . . . Volunteers Wanted

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 100 seedlings provided by the National Tree Trust on Saturday, April 27th, from 10 a.m. – noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Village has received a Community Tree Planting grant from the National Tree Trust. The Village will be receiving 100 Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community. Community Tree Planting involves a commitment from all participants to plant trees on public property, such as right-of-ways, school grounds, community parks, etc.

The National Tree Trust is a private, non-profit organization created to serve as a catalyst for local volunteers and community groups in the growing, planting and maintenance of trees in rural communities, urban areas and along our nation's highways. The Tree Trust

was established in 1990 and endowed with a one-time grant from Congress as part of the "America the Beautiful" initiative designated by President Bush. The Tree Trust has partnered in reforestation, beautification and education projects with 300 groups, which include volunteer organizations, government agencies, forest product firms and other leading corporations, in 35 states since its founding. The Tree Trust has helped volunteers plant and nurture over one million trees each year in communities and along roadsides. The Tree Trust is committed to bringing more trees to more communities across the nation.

Volunteers will be trained to containerize and care for seedlings. Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. After this growing season, the trees will be planted in the Village's nursery for further growth.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Larry M. Slavicek, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5803 or slavicekl@vil.bloomington.il.us.



Village of Bloomingdale

Application for Electronic Payment of Utility Bills

The Village of Bloomingdale is pleased to offer our utility customers the convenience of electronic bill payment. No need to worry about writing checks, finding a stamp and mailing the envelope. No need to worry about late payments and late fees; it saves time and money. Just complete the following application, include the necessary documentation and return it to our office. If you have any questions, please call the Utility Billing Department at (630) 671-5650.

Village of Bloomingdale Electronic Payment Application

Name as it appears on your bill. (Please Print)

Name of your Bank (Financial Institution)

Utility Account Number

Bank Routing Number (ABA #) Must be 9 digits

Service Street Address

____ Checking Account Or ____ Savings Account

City, State, Zip code

Your Account Number at your Bank

(____) _____
Daytime Telephone Number

(____) _____
Bank Telephone Number

**For a checking account, please attach a voided check or a photocopy of a check.
For a savings account, please attach a voided deposit slip.**

Terms of Application:

I authorize the Village of Bloomingdale (the "Village") to initiate debit entries (withdrawals) to my checking/savings account at the financial institution indicated above and to withdraw the same from such account as instructed. I understand payment of the total amount due will be made on the bill's due date. This said authority in such time and in such manner as to afford the Village and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on said revocation prior to debiting (withdrawing) the account. I understand I have the right to stop payment of a debit entry (withdrawal) by notifying the Village in writing at least five (5) business days prior to the due date on my bill. I further understand that either the Village or the financial institution named above reserve the right to terminate this agreement and my participation therein at anytime.

Printed Name of Authorizing Party _____

Authorizing Signature _____

Date: _____

I agree to the terms of this application.

Return this form to:

The Village of Bloomingdale, Attn: Utility Billing, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108

**"Gloriously funny!"
-- Chicago Reader**

**"Full of wit, wisdom and
down-to-earth humanity."
-- Hollywood Reporter**

**"A habit forming hoot!"
-- New Catholic Explorer**



**"Late Nite Catechism has caught
fire like a sinner in Purgatory."
-- Playbill**

**"Unrelenting hilarity."
-- Irish Echo**

**"Gets a gold star."
-- The New World/
Chicago Archdiocese**

**Girls are good and boys are bad.
But we'll talk more about that later.**

Late Nite Catechism

by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan

**Lake Park High School
West Campus
500 W. Bryn Mawr, Roselle**

**Sponsored by: The Village of Bloomingdale's
Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee
(630) 671-5600**

Ticket price: \$25.00

Tickets available at the Village Hall and the Bloomingdale Library

**Showtimes: Saturday, February 23, 7:30 PM
Sunday, February 24, 2:00 PM**

No reserved seating

Be Safe at Home

Due to the mild weather conditions and the recent home assaults in the Chicago and the northwest suburbs, the Bloomingdale Police Department wants to remind residents about home safety. The following are safety suggestions to consider while at home or away from home.



With the warmer temperatures, it is natural to open doors and windows to circulate the air in your home. Keep in mind which doors and windows are open. Try to keep doors and windows locked at all times, particularly when you leave the home for any amount of time, even just to work in the back-yard. While working on outdoor projects, an unknown subject may enter through the open garage door or front window without your knowledge. Also, take valuables out of your car and lock vehicle doors even when

parked in the driveway.

○ Make your home appear occupied when you go out, possibly using a timer to turn on lights, a radio, or a television.

○ Trim all trees, bushes, and shrubs that offer concealment.

○ Install outside lighting to eliminate dark areas around doors or windows.

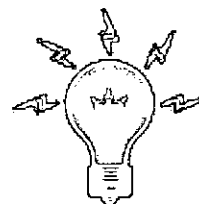
○ Don't leave notes to delivery people that state that you are not home or when you will return.

○ Don't give any information over the telephone: Name, address, telephone number, age, etc. (advise children of the same).

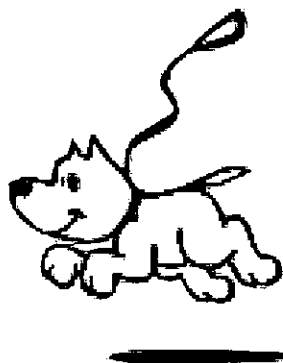
○ Never reveal the fact that you are alone.

○ Hang up immediately on any threatening or harassing calls.

○ Report unusual, suspicious or obscene phone calls to your police, sheriff, and phone company. Also, report suspicious people or vehicles seen in the neighborhood.



Most importantly—Do not allow others into your home until you have established their identity. Check I.D.'s and confirm by phone for delivery and service, including the police and village personnel. If the person is who he/she states, then they will understand your concerns. Also, try to meet and talk with your neighbors about the activity in your neighborhood. Keep the lines of communication open...you never know how helpful this sharing of information could help maintain the safety for you and your family and safety in your community.



Attention, dog owners -

2002 dog licenses are \$3 and should be purchased by April 30 for dogs over 4 months of age. A current rabies inoculation certification is necessary to purchase license. If your dog is picked up and does not have a license tag, you could be fined \$25.

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Lake Park Students Excel in Music, Performing Arts: Five Lake Park High School students were selected to participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association State Convention and concerts which took place late January in Peoria. Among them is senior **Scott Deibel** who participated in All-State Chorus. He is the son of Bloomingdale Police Sergeant Paul Deibel.

Two of the three seniors selected for the All-State Band hail from Bloomingdale. **Thomas Arvanitis** is an alto saxophone player. **Nicole Sasser** is a trumpet player. Sasser has played taps for the Memorial Day Observance at St. Paul / Evergreen Cemetery the last two years. The students, who went through auditions to be accepted, performed with other top high school musicians from throughout the state at the Peoria Civic Center.

In other Lake Park news, the stage is set at Lake Park High School's East Campus auditorium for Gilbert and Sullivan's first smash hit, "H.M.S. Pinafore." Among the members of the principal cast are juniors and Bloomingdale residents **Julie Wozniak** playing Josephine and **Shannon Westfall** as Cousin Hebe.

Performances are at 7 p.m. on January 31, 7:30 p.m. on February 1 and 2, and 2 p.m. February 3 at Lake Park High School East Campus auditorium, 600 S. Medinah Road. Tickets are \$3 for adults, and \$2 for students. Senior Citizens are admitted free of charge. Call 630-295-5313 for more information.

Historical Society Presents 'Reflections' on February 3

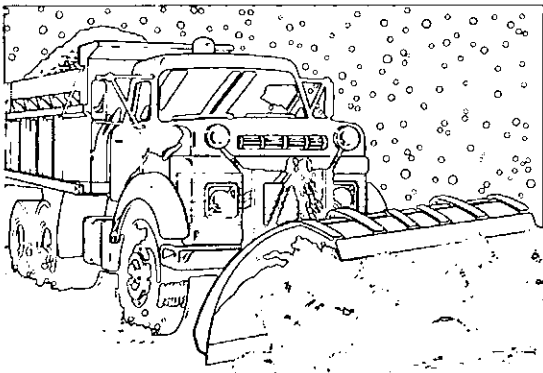
The Bloomingdale Historical Society warmly invites all to join them for the afternoon "Reflections" on Meacham Grove taking place from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2002 at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way.

Looking forward to the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the St Paul / Evergreen cemeteries, the Historical Society is looking for letters or diaries written by servicemen (or women) during any of the wars, starting with the War of 1812. The intent is to read excerpts from selected writings during the solemn observance.

"We are hoping to have all the wars represented," explains Kandy Jones, library liaison to the Historical Society. "We want to weave together a patriotic feeling and make these servicemen real to us."

Anyone who has a letter or diary from a member of any branch of the service which they would be willing to share, is encouraged to call Jones, or Local History Coordinator, Annamarie Erickson, at 529-3120, ext. 341. The serviceman does not need to have been a Bloomingdale resident.

"Whether we come across entries that are personal or patriotic, we want the words of the soldiers of the past to speak to us," said Jones.



Parkway Damaged by Snow Plows?

Just in case our luck runs out and we do get some real snowfall, please note -- The Public Works division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snowplowing operations.

It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed.

Please call the Public Works Division at (630) 671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.

Community Events

Garden Club Sponsors Pruning Program

The Bloomingdale Garden Club is pleased to announce that Larry M. Slavicek, Bloomingdale Urban Forester, will present a pruning workshop at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20th in the library's Meeting Room C. All interested residents are invited to attend this informative session. Please r.s.v.p. to Kathy Austin, Bloomingdale Garden Club, at 295-5963. The Garden Club meeting will be held immediately after the workshop.

The Bloomingdale Garden Club meets regularly throughout the year. A schedule of meeting dates, speakers and programs is available at the Library. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. Membership information is available from Marian Jonas at 630-529-1165.

Sign Up for Sister's Class: Late Nite Catechism Comes to Bloomingdale!

"Late Nite Catechism" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 23 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 24. Tickets are \$25.00. The show has been called "An uproarious piece of interactive theater...inspired, well written, hilarious," by the *New York Times* and "A habit-forming hoot," by the *New Catholic Explorer*. It is an interactive experience. You, the audience member, are part of Sister's class. Sign up for Sister's class.

Indian Lakes is offering a special deal on brunch for Sunday attendees. Simply purchase your ticket from the Village for \$25. Mention you will be attending the Indian Lakes brunch. A special sticker will be placed on your ticket which will enable you to have brunch at Indian Lakes on the day of the performance (February 24) for the reduced price of \$14.95 (excluding tax & gratuities). That's an \$8 savings per brunch ticket! Reservations are necessary for brunch. Call 529-0200.

Take this opportunity to visit the old days of the Latin Mass, meatless Fridays and the good old ruler across the knuckles. You'll laugh your sins off! Tickets are available at the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village Hall. Or call 671-5600 for more information.

Come to the Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt on March 30

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 11 a.m. for youngsters ages 2-8 at Circle Park.

Youngsters should bring a basket or container for the eggs. The event is free.



Patti and Peter Cottontail will be on hand to help the little ones locate those eggs.



News from the Bloomingdale Golf Club

Clubhouse News

Annual Lenten

Friday Night Fish Fry
begins Friday, February 15
through Good Friday, March 29.
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

No reservations accepted.

We will begin taking
reservations for Easter Brunch
on Friday, March 1.
Call 529-6232

Golfing News

Permanent tee times are full.

There are still some openings
on our Monday and
Wednesday Evening Leagues.

Contact Kathy Heidrich at
529-6232 for more information.





Part of the crew from the 1968 Candy Drive Day.

It is just over 40 years since 26 Bloomingdale residents came together to form the Bloomingdale Lions Club, an organization chartered to serve the sight and hearing impaired, as well as others in need. The first officers included President Nick Esser, 1st Vice President Dr. Emil Zidek, 2nd Vice President Al Mied, 3rd Vice President Thomas O. Williams, Secretary Ed Barber and Treasurer Wally Geils.

The young club wasted no time jumping into activities. There were many projects in those early days - from Halloween parties for the children, pancake breakfasts, picnics for the community, blood drives, bingo, Easter egg hunts, sand sales and empty lot clean-ups.

Always taking an active role in community events, the club sponsored an Old Timers Picnic in 1968 in recognition of the State of Illinois Sesquicentennial (became a state in 1818) at the Circle Avenue Park. The event featured BBQ beef sandwiches from a steer cooked on a spit, roasted corn, beer, buttermilk and sarsaparilla, as well as a pet parade and old-fashioned games.

In 1978, the Bloomingdale Lions won some serious recognition for their efforts. The club was voted Club of the Year out of 64 clubs in the I-J District. At that same time, Nick Knickrehm won the Eastern Region and District Lion of the Year award for his work in establishing an eye enucleation center at Alexian Brothers Medical Center.

The year 1978 also marked the Bloomingdale Lions' first venture into Las Vegas Night fundraisers. It was the first of many very successful events of its kind. Once during the '90's, the club netted \$45,000 from one casino

Bloomingdale Lions: 50

night. Unfortunately, the onset of the gambling boats took a toll on the casino nights.

There were other events through which the Lions enjoyed success in its fundraising endeavors. The Half-a-thon, which they sponsored for several years, was a very successful race, but took a lot of manpower.

John Vertnik, most senior member of the club, remembers running bingo at the Glendale Golf Club on all three levels of the old clubhouse. For a while they made money, but again it was hard to man. He also recalls a "ridiculous thing called an "Elechick, a combination BBQ chicken dinner and white elephant sale." That wasn't a keeper.

The Easter egg hunt is one of those events that has stood the test of time - it has seen a few locations from Bloomingdale Woods (now Meacham Forest Preserve) to Winnebago

School to Springfield Park to Circle Park. Likewise, it wouldn't be Septemberfest without the Lions Club food and beverage booth. The Marklund residents have been the recipients of many a visit and party, courtesy of the Bloomingdale Lions.

The Village Hall, the Park District, the Public Library, have all been beneficiaries of the Bloomingdale Lions Club's generosity over the last 40 years. The Septemberfest Mr. & Ms. Bloomingdale scholarship competition (initially the Bloomingdale Queen contest) has also long been supported by the Lions.



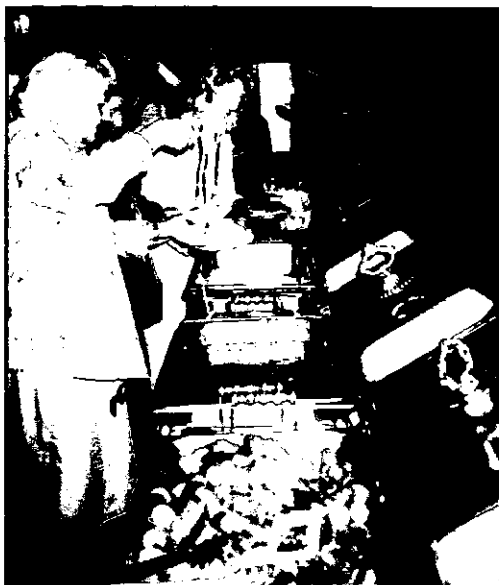
Roasting the steer -- Old Timers Picnic - 1968

till Fabulous at 40!

Over the years the Lions have helped out the hearing and sight impaired in many ways. They have consistently supported Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation and the Hadley School for the Blind. The club annually sponsors two skiers every year in the Ski for Sight program. They support and participate in a one-day fishing event for youngsters of all disabilities each summer. They continue to participate with the schools, the township, and others to maintain an ongoing sight and hearing program in the community. This project arranges for hearing and eye exams, glasses and hearing aids for both children and adults, unable to pay for these services and products themselves.

Today's Bloomingdale Lions Club, 36 members strong, carries on the tradition of service and support. The spaghetti dinners and the summer golf outing are two of the best supported endeavors. Some \$18,000 was donated to a variety of organizations during 2001. Of that, nearly \$4500 was spent on Christmas food baskets and gift certificates for area needy families. Additionally, \$5,000 went to the American Red Cross for the 911 NYC Relief fund.

The Lions have always expressed their gratitude to the community for its continual support. We want to thank the Bloomingdale Lions for their dedication, their commitment and their generosity, and further to congratulate them on 40 years of exceptional service to the community.



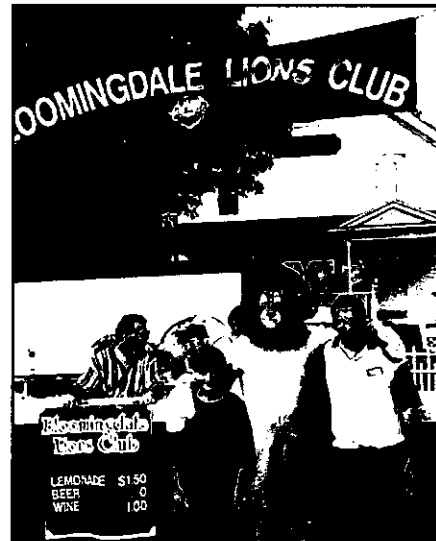
Spaghetti Dinner - 1993



Casino Night - 1992



Easter Egg Hunt - Winnebago School School, 1978



Septemberfest - 1996



Half-a-thon - 1980



Who could refuse these Lions on Candy Day?



Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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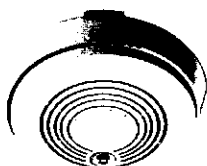
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**SMOKE DETECTORS
SAVE LIVES**

From the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Heating equipment is the leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January, and February and trails only cooking equipment in home fires year-round.

How Safe is Your Ceiling Fan?

You enter the bathroom and flip a switch, on comes a fan and or a light and you start your morning routine. You never even give it a second thought unless the fan doesn't work or the light bulb burns out. Now you pay attention to it until the problem is fixed.

In recent months we have seen an increase of fires relating to bathroom ceiling fans and ceiling fan / light units. The majority of the fires were attributed to the lack of cleaning. Dust, lint, and everyday products can build up on the various components of the unit such as the motor, fan blades, light shield or frame. This situation may not be apparent from looking at it from below, as the cover blocks your vision into the working area of the unit. This build up restricts the flow of air around or through the unit therefore promoting an overheated condition on the motor or light assembly to the point of igniting the combustible materials (lint or dust) around it.

Hair spray and spray deodorants are probably the leaders of everyday products that we use in the bathroom, but any product that comes as an aerosol or a powder can affect the rate of build up on the units. Dandruff, pet hair, and airborne dirt also contribute to the problem as well. Dust and dirt particles occur naturally, and how it is managed in your home or business is a personal decision.

A spokesperson for Broan, a leading manufacturer of ceiling fans and many other household electronics, states that ceiling fans and fan / light units should be cleaned periodically by the use of a vacuum cleaner after the power has been turned off to the unit and the cover removed. Due to the numerous differences in environments and climates throughout the United States, it depends on the kind of environment that you live or work in that dictates how often the units need to be cleaned. In a typical home environment that is cleaned and dusted once a week, probably an annual cleaning would be sufficient. A business or office environment would require more cleanings due to the high number of people, office equipment and also processes that takes place on a daily basis.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Bloomington Fire Protection District No.1 at (630)894-9080.

Frequently Asked Questions

When cooking – what should I do if the food in my oven catches fire? Close the oven door and turn off the oven. If a fire starts in your microwave oven, push the stop button or unplug the microwave oven and leave the door closed until the fire goes out. Do not throw flour or salt on the fire.

What should I do if a small grease fire starts in a pan? Smother the flames by carefully sliding a large lid (or a larger pan) over the pan, and then turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until everything is completely cool. Don't peek. Lifting the lid will let oxygen in, and the fire may reignite. Never pour water on a grease fire or try to carry the pan to the sink or outside. Likewise, discharging a fire extinguisher at a pan of burning grease could splatter the contents and possibly spread the fire.

Off the Shelf

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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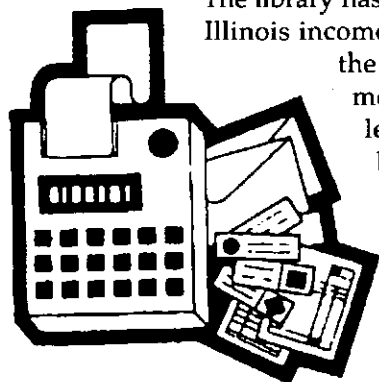
Introducing Something New at the Library...AUTOMATIC HOLDS!

Beginning February 1, Bloomington library card holders will have the opportunity to place holds on upcoming titles from their favorite authors. Initially, patrons will have to register at the Reference Desk by filling out a desired author's list. Thereafter, the reference staff will place all holds on books for the patron from this author as they are released. Patrons will then be notified when the book(s) have arrived.



Please see the adult reference librarians for more information.

Federal and State Tax Forms Available



The library has Federal and State of Illinois income tax forms available to the public. The most common forms are free. The less popular forms may be photocopied from a master for 10 cents per copy, or downloaded from the IRS website at the Reference Desk.

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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| 3 | Bloomington Historical Society Reflections Program | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. |
| 4 | Bloomington Historical Society | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| *5 | Get the Facts on Buying a Home | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| *6 | Creative Collages (3rd-5th grades) | 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Writer's Group Steering Committee | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 9 | Writer's Group | 9:00 - Noon |
| 12 | Bloomington Seniors | 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. |
| *12 | Not Paying for College | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 13 | Library Board Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 20 | Bloomington Garden Club | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. |
| *21 | Adult Book Discussion Group | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| *26 | Designer Walls Finish | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 27 | Friends of the Library | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| *27 | Mother/Daughter Book Club (4th-6th grades) | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. |
| 28 | Writer's Group | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |

MARCH

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| 4 | Bloomington Historical Society | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| *5 | Europe the Easy Way - Provence | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| *6 | Frida Kahlo - Artist, Wife, Film | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 7 | Writer's Group Steering Committee | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
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| 13 | Library Board Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| *13 | Cool T-Shirt Design (4th-6th grades) | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. |
| *16 | Breakfast with the Bunny | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. |
| *16 | Brunch with the Bunny | 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. |
| *19 | Parenting Children - Discipline | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| *20 | Reach for the Moon (K-2nd grades) | 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. |
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| 31 | Easter | LIBRARY CLOSED |

*Registration required (630-529-3120).

Youth Services Department

WINTER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

DROP IN PROGRAMS

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THESE PROGRAMS

BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, January 15 - April 2, 2002

7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Bedtime Stories is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers who are unable to attend daytime sessions. **FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS. NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM.**

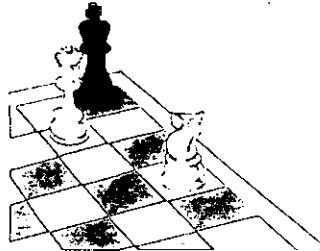


CHESS CLUB (Ages 8 and up)

Sunday: March 10, March 24, April 7, and April 21

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

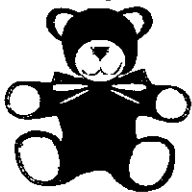
If you are eight years or older and know a little or a lot about the game, this is your chance to sharpen your chess skills. No registration is required for this program -- just stop by and check it out.



Do You Know Any New Or Expectant Parents?

Make sure their babies are BORN TO READ!

In order to promote the importance of reading to babies, the Bloomingdale Public Library is offering BORN TO READ packets to new parents in Bloomingdale. The new baby and its family will receive a congratulatory packet that will include a certificate for a free board book. If you, or anyone you know, is a new or soon-to-be parent, and would like to receive this service, please call the Library's Youth Services Desk at 529-3120 ext. 332.



REGISTER FOR THESE PROGRAMS

Register in person or by telephone (630) 529-3120, ext. 332. Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.

SCHOOL AGE SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CREATIVE COLLAGES (3rd - 5th grades)

Wednesday, February 6

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Plan to join us as we share Eric Carle books and become inspired by his unique artwork. We will learn about how he creates his books and we will create our own tissue paper collages in his style. *This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.*

REACH FOR THE MOON (K - 2nd grades)

Wednesday, March 20

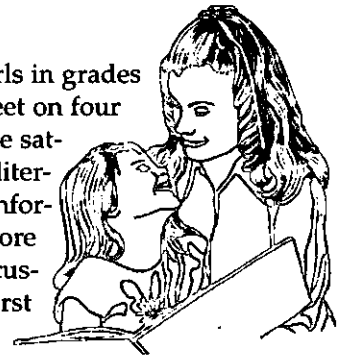
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Please join us as we read the Eric Carle book, *Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me*. We will then create moon pictures using paint, paper plates, and stars. *This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.*

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB

(4th - 6th grades)

This discussion group for girls in grades 4 - 6 and their moms will meet on four Wednesday evenings to share satisfying conversations about literature and life! Come to an informational meeting to learn more about this popular book discussion format, to pick up the first title, and to vote on future titles.



Informational Meeting February 27, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Second Meeting March 27, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Third Meeting April 24, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fourth Meeting May 15, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

YOUTH COMPUTER CLASS

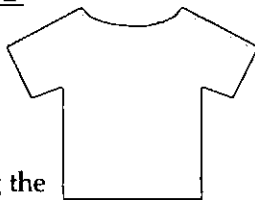
COOL DESIGN T-SHIRT

(4th - 6th grades)

Wednesday, March 13

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Limited to 12 children



Design your own cool t-shirts. Using the computer, we will be creating iron-on transfers. Please bring two clean, white t-shirts to this program. Please register in-person at the Library Business Office. There is a \$10.00 deposit for the class, which will be refunded at the end of the session. Non-residents will be added to a waiting list, and will be notified if space becomes available.

The Bloomingdale Public Library presents

Beth Horner, Storyteller

*"Warm Winter Stories for
Cold Winter Days"*

*Sunday, February 17, 2002
2:00-3:00 PM*

Stories for the family, followed by refreshments

*Register in person at the
Youth Services Reference Desk,
or by calling (630) 529-3120, ext. 332*

Winter Reading Programs

Winter Reading Programs start on the day you register and end on Saturday, February 23. PLEASE REGISTER IN PERSON TO GET YOUR MATERIALS.

"READERS BREAK RECORDS"

(Family Reading Program for Parents and/or Caregivers and their Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Kindergartners.)

Families keep track of the reading and listening time on the log provided at registration. **Turn in completed reading log to the Youth Services Reference Desk on or before February 23 to enter the PRIZE DRAWING.** Sign up in person during regular program registration.

"READ TO SUCCEED"

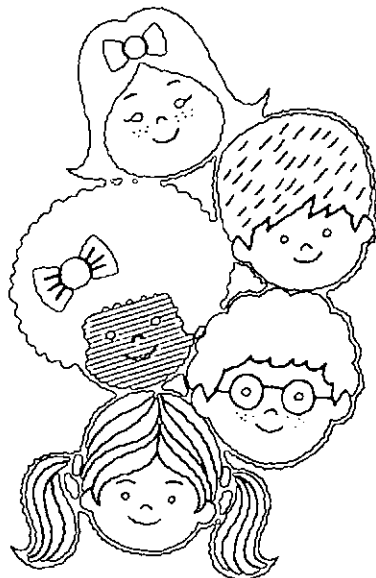
sponsored by the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team
(1st - 8th graders)

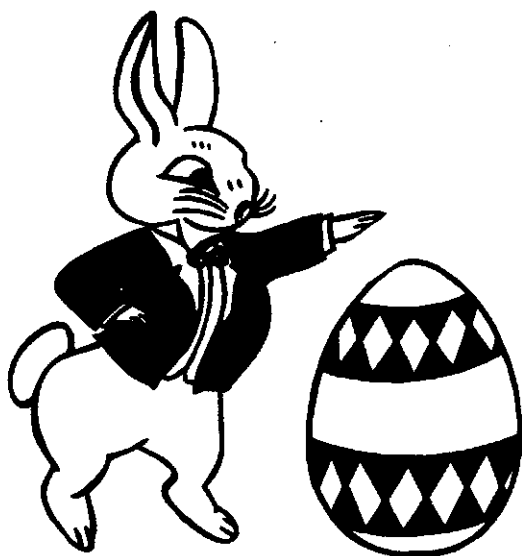
Participants in this reading program have the chance to win exciting prizes such as Chicago Wolves merchandise! **Turn in completed reading log to the Youth Services Reference Desk on or before February 23 to enter the PRIZE DRAWING.**

Parents: Please Note the Library's Policy on Unattended Children

Children who are 8 and under may not be left unattended by a parent or adult caregiver at the library. If the child is attending a program that does not require parent attendance, the adult must remain in the building and return to the program area by the end of the session.

Please be aware of the library closing times. (Monday-Thursday, 9:00 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 5:00 p.m.) Announcements are made on the public address system to remind children to arrange for rides. No youth under the age of 16 will be left without transportation by staff. If children do not have a ride within 15 minutes of closing, two staff members will escort them to the Bloomingdale Police Department to keep until a parent or caregiver can be reached. For additional information, please consult the Unattended Children Policy brochure available at the library.





Bunny Breakfast

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

and

Bunny Brunch

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

March 16, 2002

Sponsored by
The Bloomingdale Public Library
and
The Bloomingdale Golf Club

at the
Bloomingdale Golf Club
181 Glen Ellyn Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

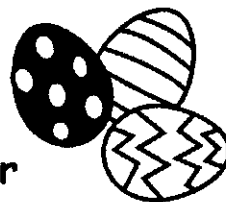
\$10.00 per adult
\$7.00 for children 4 to 12
Free for children 3 and under (ticket required)

Tickets go on sale February 9, 2002
seating is limited

Breakfast/Brunch in the beautiful golf club facility overlooking the golf course
(cereal, eggs, ham, sausage, hash brown potatoes, mini-Danish pastries and beverages)



Entertainment
Children's Crafts
Egg Decorating
Egg Hunt (weather permitting)
Special Guest: Pages the Library Bear



Register in person in the Bloomingdale Public Library Business Office
Make checks payable to the Bloomingdale Public Library

For more information, call the Bloomingdale Public Library at (630) 529-3120

Adult Services Department

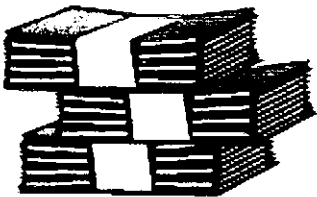
WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are free of charge, but require registration either in person or by telephone, 529-3120, ext. 324.

Not Paying for College

Tuesday February 12, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Joseph Orsolini of Capital Securities Investment Corporation will be at the library to present his program, "Not Paying for College: Maximizing Chances for College Aid". He will address such issues as the college aid application process, determining need, long-term strategies for aid maximization and the new 529 plans. This program



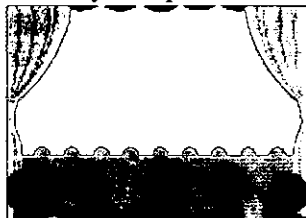
could prove very important for anyone sending children to college.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series #8 THE MAGIC FLUTE

Thursday February 21, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

This lecture will be held at the Itasca Public Library.

Don't miss this last chance to attend a Lyric Opera lecture. The Lyric wraps up its season with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's, *Die Zauberflöte* (The Magic Flute). Enjoy this supernatural tale about a handsome young Prince called to rescue the Queen of the Night's daughter, who has been mysteriously abducted. The prince's arduous mission takes unexpected turns and surmounts unimagined perils before reaching its radiant conclusion. See and listen to Mozart at his most whimsical.



Designer Walls Finish

Tuesday February 26, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

If you would like to learn about faux finishes and stenciling you will not want to miss this class. Jackie Paul from Bijak Designs in Bloomingdale will show you fun and easy ways to enhance your home with these techniques.



Europe the Easy Way - Provence

Tuesday March 5, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Al Popowits will be here to guide you through the heart of Provence in Southern France. Through slides and lecture, he will take you from the wetlands of Camargue to Pont du Gard as well as the cities of Aigues Mortes, Arles, Nîmes and Orange. The food, recreation and history of the area will also be covered. Come see why this area attracted such notable artists as Cézanne, Picasso, Renoir, Gauguin and Van Gogh.

Frida Kahlo -- Artist, Wife, Film

Wednesday March 6, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

With the soon-to-be-released film by Miramax, this is the perfect time to learn about the life of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Married to artist Diego Rivera, Kahlo led a fascinating life. She had a deep sense of independence and rebellion against social and moral habits. Additionally, her life was marked by physical suffering as she contracted polio at age 5 and was in a serious trolley accident which left her unable to have children. And while she deeply loved Diego Rivera, she also had many lovers, both men and women. Don't miss this provocative presentation given by Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions.

Parenting Children -- Discipline

Tuesday March 19, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The task of parenting younger children is a serious and sometimes difficult task. Join the library as it hosts Debbie McFadden from The Village Counseling Center in Hanover Park as she addresses this issue. She will outline the six principles of discipline, how to get the best behavior from your children, the four causes of misbehavior, strategies for positive attention getting and much more. This program is beneficial for parents of toddlers to teens.

The People, Yes, by Carl Sandburg

Tuesday April 9, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Performed by Theo Ubique Theatre Co., *The People, Yes*, is a staged adaptation of Carl Sandburg's anthem poem by the same name. The cast consists of four actors portraying various characters which include farmers, politicians, poets, mothers, the rich, the poor, the people. Plan to attend this dramatic performance celebrating the distinctive voice of Carl Sandburg, familiar to three generations.

Adult Services Department

WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS

UPCOMING ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

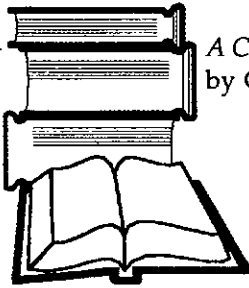
Beat the winter blues by joining the Bloomingdale Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group! Copies of our current book selection are available at the Adult Reference Desk. Join us for a fun and thought-provoking discussion. Newcomers are always welcome. The group continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Our selections for February and March are as follows:

February 21 -

Drowning Ruth
by Christina Schwarz

March 21 -

A Certain Slant of Light
by Cynthia Thayer



ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE THANK YOUS

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the following individuals, community groups and businesses for participating in the Adopt-A-Magazine program:

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Villagers Club of Bloomingdale
Myra Westfall

A large, stylized, cursive graphic that says "Thank You". The letters are thick and flowing, with a decorative flourish at the end of the word "You".

Local History Room News

Annamarie Erickson has joined the staff of the Bloomingdale Public Library as its first full time local history librarian. She, along with part time staff member Barbara Sondalle, will be working on getting the local history materials ready for public use. Annamarie has spent time working in the archives department of Wilbur Wright College in Chicago and has volunteered at the Norwood Park Historical Society. She has both a Master's Degree in Library Science and History and over thirty years of library experience.

The library has also recently subscribed to a new genealogical database, Ancestry Plus. It is the most comprehensive online source of information for conducting genealogical and local history research available. Included in AncestryPlus are the digitized images of the U.S. Federal Census from 1790 forward, the American Genealogical Biographical Index, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, the Social Security Death Index and much more. This database is only available for use on the computers in the library.

Historical Society Program February 3

On Sunday Feb. 3, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., the Bloomingdale Historical Society will host a special Du Page County Forest Preserve presentation at the Bloomingdale Public Library. The program will include a forest preserve overview with special emphasis on the Indian Mounds and wild flowers of Bloomingdale's Meacham Grove.

For information or registration, please call (630) 529-3120 ext 324.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . that the library has many adaptive technology devices available for loan? Adaptive devices allow people with disabilities to function better in daily life. There are devices to aid in reading, writing, recreation, just about anything. Please stop by the Adult Services Desk for more information or to check out an item.

Thank you, Kara Foundation

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to extend a special thank you to the Kara Foundation for its generous donation of \$2000. The money will be spent to purchase books and audio tapes on performing arts, cultural topics, literature and healthy living topics.

Computer Lab Offers Instruction on the Internet, Popular Computer Programs for Adults & Seniors

The following computer classes are recommended for ages 13 and older. There is a \$10.00 refundable deposit for each class, due at the time of registration. Classes are limited to twelve participants. Residents of Bloomington will be placed in the class (if space is available). Non-residents will automatically be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted if space becomes available. Residents on the waiting list will be given priority over non-residents on the waiting list. Please register in the Business Office of the Library.

PLEASE NOTE: Effective 2/01/02, deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.

Adult Computer Courses

Thursday	February 7	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday	February 8	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday	February 11	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 14	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday	February 15	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday	February 8	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This six-session course will cover a wide range of computer topics. It is intended to give students a strong foundation in computing, teaching them general computer/Windows principles, using the Internet, and familiarity with Microsoft Office products. The skills learned here will help to prepare the student for whatever computing task interests them. Please see the following Course Outline for more information.

Adults Computer Course Outline

Sessions 1 and 2:

Very basic introduction to computers and how we use them. Topics such as learning how to use disks and CD-ROMs, becoming comfortable with the mouse, using windows, and running programs. Discussion will continue over first two classes with recommended practice exercises given after both session 1 and 2.

Sessions 3 and 4:

These two classes will introduce participants to using the Internet. Basic understanding of connecting and using the World Wide Web will be covered as well as more detailed E-Mail questions and introducing more complicated Internet topics such as downloading, searching, and using multimedia products online (music, movies, games, etc.).

The third class will cover most of the topics covered in "Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail" with a few changes to better suit the class. In the fourth session we will fill in E-Mail and Browser details missing from the third session and begin with the complicated topics discussed above.

Sessions 5 and 6

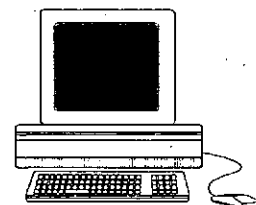
The final two sessions of this course will introduce the Microsoft Office Suite, paying particular attention to MS Word but also introducing products such as Excel, Power Point, and Publisher, while discussing the Office environment. These classes should provide enough comfort to get started in any MS Office program.

Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail

Wednesday February 6, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will introduce participants to the Internet, including navigating with the browser. Creating an e-mail address and using e-mail will also be covered. (Having taken "Understanding Windows 1" or equivalent experience is recommended.)



Understanding Your Computer

Wednesday February 13, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class is the first of three sequential courses in which we will cover more advanced topics than those discussed in Understanding Windows or Introduction to the PC. This class will continue over three sessions and will allow more time for explanations. Topics to be covered include: Windows functions such as using/installing software, finding and organizing files, and more. We will also discuss basic hardware ideas and how to use disks, CDs, and the hard drive. (Having taken "Understanding Windows" is recommended.)

Using Publisher

Sunday February 17, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This desktop publishing program can be used to create newsletters, brochures, cards, banners, etc. The class will cover basic techniques needed to create professional publications. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" is recommended.)

Intermediate Microsoft Access

Wednesday February 20, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will cover more advanced topics such as Edit Masking, creating Modules, and using Wizards. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Access" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Computer Programs for Adults & Seniors (continued)

Using Outlook

Monday March 4, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Outlook can be much more than just an E-mail program. This class will introduce many of the different functions and tools that Outlook provides. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" and "Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail" is recommended.)

Advanced Excel

Wednesday March 6, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a deeper investigation of Excel topics introduced in the Intermediate Excel course, as well as examining other functions provided by Excel. (Having taken "Intermediate Excel" is recommended.)

Introduction to the Personal Computer

Thursday March 7, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Those with little or no knowledge of computers will benefit from this class. Skills and techniques to perform basic functional operations with a computer will be covered.

The Internet for the Intermediate User

Saturday March 9, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will cover topics such as downloading, formatting your browser, using advanced E-Mail features, and other more advanced skills. (Having taken "Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Researching Cars on the Internet

Monday March 11, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Instructors: Karen and Christophe

This class focuses on the use of web resources for new and used car research, including purchasing and selling. Participants will become familiar with the capabilities of several websites and will be introduced to their most useful features. Those taking this class should have basic mouse and keyboard abilities and a basic understanding of how to navigate the Internet. Having taken "Introduction to the Internet and E-mail is recommended.

Understanding Your Computer 2

Wednesday March 20, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Class will cover more advanced Windows topics such as changing settings, manipulating/customizing toolbars, properties screens and startup/recovery disks. (Having taken "Understanding Your Computer 1 or equivalent experience is strongly recommended.)

Using Power Point

Thursday March 21, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Power Point can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts or on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Saturday March 23, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems related to Microsoft Word. (Having taken "Understanding Windows 1" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Intermediate Microsoft Word

Monday March 25, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class is intended for users who have some experience with computers and Microsoft Word. It will cover how to use the more advanced options available in Microsoft Word 2000. Lecture will include using outlines, adding images, and other formatting/design topics. (Having taken "Introduction to using Microsoft Word" is recommended.)





Bloomington Park District

We're right around the corner!

Register Online Now!

New!

Now it is easier than ever to register for your favorite Bloomington Park District programs. Simply log on to www.bloomingtonparks.org and register online using your credit card! Online registration began January 11 to help serve our patrons better.

Daddy & Daughter Masquerade

Saturday, February 23, 7:00-9:00

Travel back to the days of the renaissance and enjoy an enchanting and magical evening of fun. This is your chance to put on your fanciest dress, prettiest shoes and show off a beautiful mask. You may even wear one you make yourself. Dads are encouraged to dress up possibly as a knight, prince, renaissance historical figure, or in dress clothes with a mask as well. Dads and daughters will enjoy a night of dancing, fancy hors d'oeuvres, party favors and a keepsake photo. Get ready for the best masquerade in town! Additional children are \$16.00 each.

Ages: 5-10

R/NR Fee: \$30/35

Summer Day Camp Registration Begins

Drop-off registration for residents will be accepted March 11-April 12. Call the Park District for details at 529-3650 or visit our website at www.bloomingtonparks.org.

Preschool Registration Begins in March

Preschool registration for residents for the 2002-2003 school year will be accepted March 4 through March 18 for all Park District preschool classes. All classes are held at the Bloomington Park District's Johnston Recreation Center and are offered two, three, or four days per week. Intro to Preschool classes are designed for 2-1/2 to 3 year olds. Tiny Tot classes are designed for 3 and 4 year olds and Pre-Kindergarten classes are for those children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2003. Please call for specific days, times and fees.

Register Early for the "Chicago Flower & Garden Show"

Thursday, March 14, 9:15-4:45pm

Are you ready to smell the flowers yet? The Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier features numerous exhibits, gorgeous landscapes and hundreds of beautiful flowers. Seminars are offered throughout the day and a variety of vendors have merchandise available to purchase. Lunch is on your own. Your fee includes transportation and a ticket to the show. The bus leaves from Roselle Park District. Registration deadline: March 7, 2002.

R/NR Fee: \$38/43



Register now for "Navigating Oz"

March 13 or March 15, 7:00-9:00pm, JRC

If you've ventured out on an interview recently, you may have discovered we're not in Kansas anymore! Employers have become more sophisticated and much more selective as the market's been flooded with top-notch professionals. Develop your skills to maximize that interview you've worked so hard to get. We will cover everything from professional image and non-verbal communication to effective ways to address some of the tougher questions you may be asked. This workshop is a must for anyone who's recently found themselves in the job market.

R/NR Fee: \$20/25

Westfield Track Memberships on Sale

Looking to shed a few pounds in 2002? The new indoor track at Westfield Gymnasium is the perfect solution for you! The track is for use by persons 16 years old and over; Children 12 to 16 years old may be accompanied by an adult. A track pass is good for one year, and can be purchased in the gym office at Westfield. Passes are \$5 resident, \$20 non-resident. Track/Office hours are weekdays 5:30-8:00am and 4:00-9:45pm, Saturdays 8:00am-1:00pm, and Sundays 8:00am-noon.

Looking for a Summer Job?

The park district is now accepting applications for part-time summer employment. Opportunities include: lifeguard, swim team coach, swim instructor, pool attendant, park maintenance, t-ball and day camp counselor. Apply at the JRC today! Call 529-3650 for more information.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES...

February 27 Final Registration Date for Youth Soccer, 6:00-8:00pm JRC

March 12 Score 6 Meeting, 7:30pm

March 20 Score 6 Meeting, 7:30pm

Call the Park District at 529-3650 for more details.

The Bloomington Park District Museum presents...

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19th BLOOMINGTON STUDENT ART SHOW

March 23-April 27

Opening Reception:

Saturday, March 23, 2002, 5-8pm

It's time again to view the artistic creations of our very talented Bloomington students, grades K-12. All students in the show will receive a "participant" ribbon at the end of the show - so everyone is a winner!

Bloomington Park District Museum • 108 South Bloomington Rd.
Hours: Wed.-Sat. 10-4; Ph. & Fax 630-539-3096

Bloomington Park District

172 South Circle Avenue • Phone 630-529-3650

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 8:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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"Unabashed Love"
Kathleen LaManna, Bloomingdale



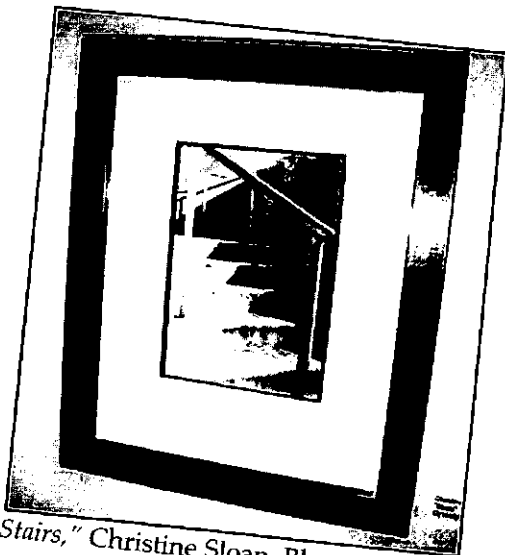
"Contemplation," Ken Gold



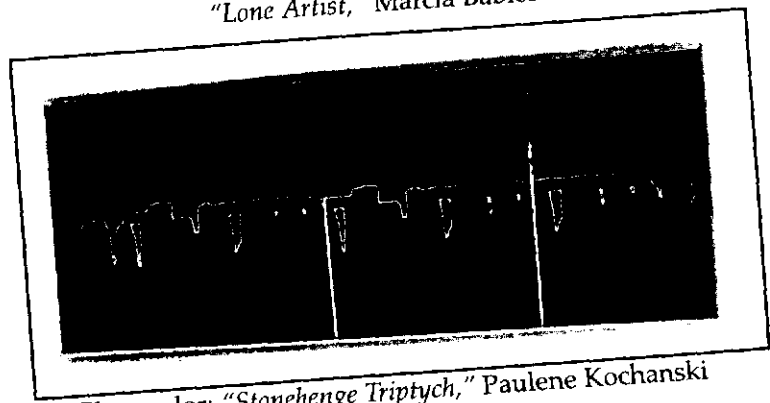
Best of Show: *"Dancing with the Spirit,"*
Christopher Schneberger



"Lone Artist," Marcia Babler



"Stairs," Christine Sloan, Bloomingdale



1st Place color: *"Stonehenge Triptych," Paulene Kochanski*