

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

August 2002

Septemberfest
information
on pages
3 and 8.

Check it
out!!!

From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Last month we received calls regarding sirens heard during a thunderstorm with a great deal of lightning. The Park District has recently installed a lightning detection system to provide notification to participants in park areas and playing fields. Bloomingdale School District 13 and the Bloomingdale Golf Club were part of the planning process, as they will also benefit from advance lightning warnings.

The alarm system is operational during daylight hours. When the atmospheric conditions are such that lightning is detected within 15 miles of the detection system base, (Bloomingdale Golf Course) the alarms will activate. Audible alarms have been installed in the following parks: Circle, Indian Lakes, Lakeview, Leslie, Old Town, Seasons 4 in Roselle, Springfield, Stratford, Sunnyside, Tompkins and Westlake. In addition, Circle Park and Springfield Park have a visual alarm - a red, rotating dome light, as well as the audible alarm.

Any questions regarding the lightning detection system can be directed to Steve Scholten or Mike Sletten at the Bloomingdale Park District, 529-3650.

Our Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee are at it again. They are the group responsible for the placement of the statue of a mother and child reading at the library and the two golfers checking their score at the golf course. The time they have the police and fire departments on board and are planning their next statue to be a tribute to those everyday heroes

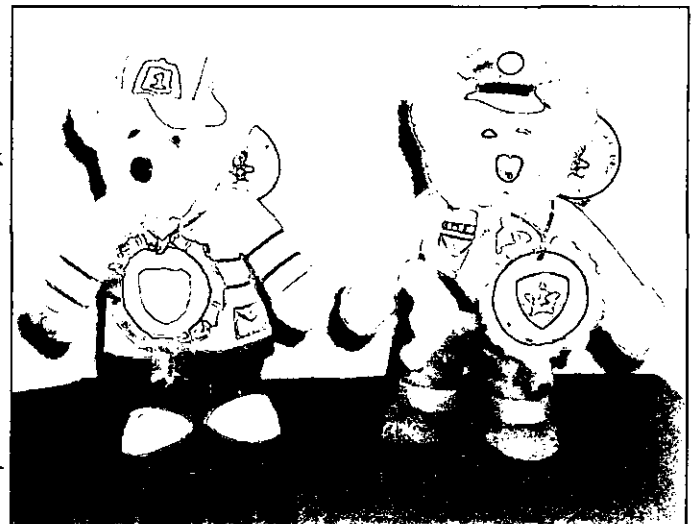
As a kickoff for the project, the committee will be selling bears dressed as firemen and policemen carrying the Bloomingdale badge logo. These 8-inch bears are \$10 each and will be available beginning at Septemberfest. Profits from the sale of these bears will go directly to the statue fund. This will be the first in a series of fundraisers to complete this project. At this time the BPCD Committee is working with the Village Board on a location for this distinctive statue.

Speaking of police - I know many of you have been following the reports about Detective Gary Fuchs, who was very ill for an extended time. We are all very pleased to note that Gary came back to work in July. We, along with his family and friends, thank all of those who were so supportive during his difficult time.

Another exciting development, we opened the junior golf course in June of this year. Read more about it on page 13.

Hope many of you had a chance to enjoy this year's Family Fest. See some great pictures on the back page. Also check out the plans for the 30th annual Septemberfest in this issue. The Septemberfest Commission has planned a full day for this milestone in Bloomingdale history.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!



The Police and Fire Bears on sale soon.

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.

RECREATIONAL PATHWAY COMMITTEE

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

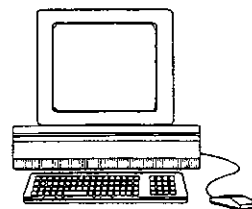
James M. Gebis
*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

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 October issue
of the
Almanac is
SEPTEMBER 10

Bloomingtondale Flags Part of Ground Zero Flag Tour



Many of you recently had the chance to sign a flag from either the Village of Bloomingdale or the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District 1. These flags were part of the Ground Zero flag tour and two were personally sent to Engine Co. 82 and Ladder Co. 31 in New York. These are the firefighters that personnel from our Bloomingdale Fire Department visited following 911. A second village flag, signed largely by children, was in the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn parades on July 4th, and will eventually go to another New York firehouse.

Septemberfest 2002 -- 30th Anniversary Celebration!

By Donna Fiedler

Remember the year 1972 . . . we were all 30 years younger, Atari came out with the new technological game of the century named "Pong," M*A*S*H* first debuted on CBS and President Nixon's troubles were just beginning with the newest Washington scandal being dubbed "Watergate". But I bet you'll never guess another well-known trivia fact of the year 1972.

Septemberfest unveiled its first annual fall festival to the community of Bloomingdale! Here we are 30 years later (which seemed to happen in the blink of an eye) and still going strong! In celebration of our 30th Anniversary, we are giving the Septemberfest a new look and feel.

This year the fest will take place for only one day, Saturday, September 7th. It's all about quality versus quantity and this year's fest will be packed with all the favorites and those elements most popular among our fest goers. The fest begins at Noon and will finish up at 10:30 pm.

We start off with the Septemberfest Parade that is ever-growing and promises to be even bigger and better than last year!! The parade steps off from DuJardin School on Euclid at Noon on Saturday, and heads north on Euclid to Schick Road, then west on Schick into Old Town. There are many assorted floats, bands, and groups already lining up for the parade, but we are always interested in adding more. If you'd like to participate, please contact Debby at 894-8309, and she'll send you an application.

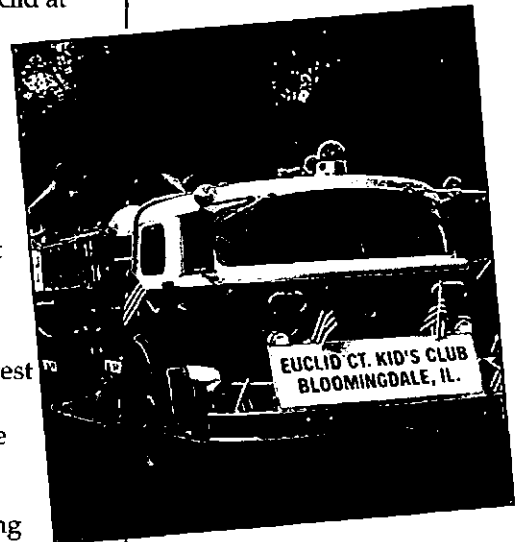
When the parade finishes up in Old Town, you will be greeted by a day filled with assorted entertainers, including several bands. These include **Dain Bramage Band** performing at 3:30 pm, a hot, popular boy band (as featured at the B96 Bash this summer) **Vi3** at 5 pm and finishing up with the band **Hi-Infidelity** at 7:30 pm.

Of course the fest would not be complete without the Antique Car Show Contest at 6:30 pm and our feature of the day, the Mr. & Ms. Bloomingdale Contest, which will begin at 6 pm. It is due to the scholarship funds given away via the Mr. & Ms. Bloomingdale Contest that Septemberfest exists today.

As we all know, going to college these days costs a small fortune and the young men and women who apply for these scholarships are doing all they can to apply themselves in preparing for that expense. Every little bit helps in building the funds needed for this cause that pays dividends throughout an entire lifetime.

Please consider donating and becoming a "Friend of Septemberfest." Your name will be listed on signs posted throughout the fest as a donor and your charitable contribution will go a long way in helping young lives create a future for themselves. Look for the "Friend of Septemberfest" form on p. 8 in this newsletter.

To round off your experience at Septemberfest, there will be all kinds of great food and assorted drinks, with some added food booths from local restaurants, in addition to the arts/crafts for sale. So come spend some time with your neighbors and friends, take in some terrific food, music and entertainment and relax the day away while browsing arts and crafts, viewing some beautiful antique cars and reminiscing about the past 30 years and how none of us has aged a bit along the way!!





Sign Up for These Police Department Programs:

Street Smart Seniors

Wednesday mornings
9 - 12:00 Noon
September 4-
October 9, 2002
Safety presentations and
discussion
opportunities.

Citizen Police Academy

Thursday evenings
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
September 5 - November 14
Insights into policies and
procedures of law
enforcement officers.

Interested? Contact
Detective Dawn Odoi
at 529-9868.

Neighborhood Watch: Keeping You and the Community Safe!

The Bloomington Police Department is offering two worthwhile academies that provide citizens a rare opportunity to gain a working knowledge of the policies and procedures of the police department and to meet the officers that serve their community in a positive environment. More importantly, the programs increase not only an information base, but encourage and promote safety practices, create an awareness in which to reduce victimization and enhance the police department's understanding of the citizen's daily concerns.

The classroom series of instruction and discussion opportunities are held once a week, in which the sessions meet for (3) hours with scheduled break times included (food and juice provided). The participants receive related handout material for each topic and a certificate, lapel pin and a gift related to the particular academy upon the program's completion.

The **Street Smart Seniors Program** will meet Wednesday mornings 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. beginning September 4th through October 9th 2002. The topics include the following: Police Department Policies and Procedures, Diversionary Thefts (Scams), Gang and Drug Awareness, Domestic Violence / Elder Abuse, Home / Vehicle / Personal Safety, Fire Safety Protection, and Village Services.

The **Citizen Police Academy** will meet Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. beginning September 5th through November 14th 2002. The topics include the following: Tour of the Police Department, Administrative Services, Community Oriented Policing, Radar Enforcement, Constitutional Law, Juvenile Law, Auto Theft, Accident Investigation, D.U.I. Enforcement, Use of Force, Violence Awareness, Gang Awareness, Drug Identification, Interviewing Techniques, Crime Scene Processing, and Tour of the DuPage County Crime Lab.

Anyone interested or seeking further information, please contact Detective Dawn Odoi of the Bloomington Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

WELCOME
Bloomington is a
CRIME WATCH
COMMUNITY



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our police department

Over 90% of child safety seats are installed incorrectly in vehicles -- is yours one of them?

FREE Child Safety Seat Inspections
sponsored by the
Bloomington Police Department



Saturday, August 3
11:00 AM-3:00 PM at
Toys R Us

404 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomington

Certified Child Passenger Safety technicians
will check your child's seat to make sure:
It is installed correctly
It has not been recalled
It meets current safety standards

Buckle up -- Everyone -- Every time



Village Board Listens to Residents Concerns About Cable TV, High Speed Internet Service

The Village Board conducted a meeting on June 10, for the purpose of hearing from residents about cable issues, and to hear about the proposed transfer of control to AT&T Comcast, which is to occur later this year. One of the questions and concerns heard that night, and heard routinely at the Village Hall, is "why don't we have high-speed internet access?"

The Village cannot require AT&T, SBC/Ameritech, or any other company to offer internet access services. However, we do stay in touch with those companies regularly to make certain that they are aware of the level of interest and to encourage them to provide those services. There are other companies that offer those services, and we will have more information on those in future issues of the Almanac. Residents may also wish to conduct their own search for such companies offering wireless service.

2002 National Night Out—Tuesday, August 6

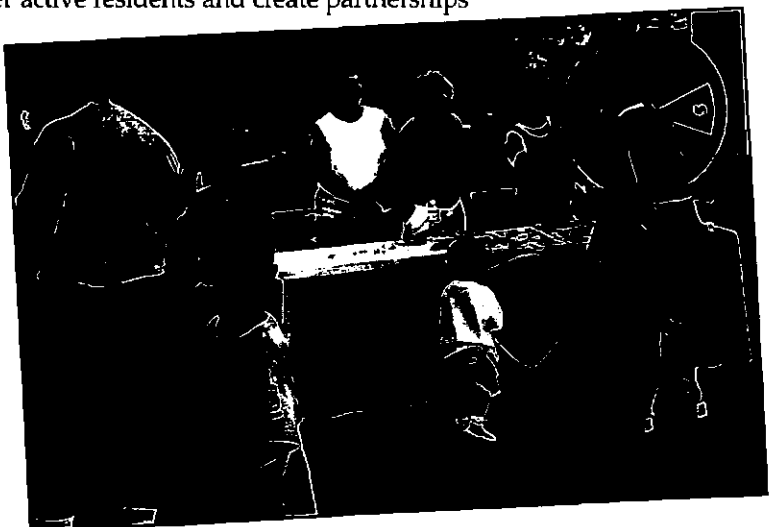
The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch Program would like to invite the Bloomingdale residents to the 19th Annual National Night Out Against Crime scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2002, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District.

National Night Out is a unique evening to thank the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and the participating residents who have worked with the police department and other agencies in crime and drug prevention efforts. The event also encourages continued support and involvement of all residents in such efforts. Involvement by everyone (Village officials, Police/Fire Personnel, residents, businesses, schools, churches, etc.) is the key to keeping Bloomingdale safe.



National Night Out is the opportunity to meet other active residents and create partnerships with your neighbors and village agencies to work together to maintain the quality of life of the community. Food (hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, etc.) will be provided free of cost between 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The pool is open to all attending the event and organized games and prizes are scheduled. Giveaway items will be distributed.

*Please consider joining us for this free, fun,
family event and
help us to "Take A Bite Out Of Crime".*



Rec Path Update

The quarterly meeting of the North Central DuPage Regional Bikeway group was held at the Bloomingdale Village Hall on Saturday, June 22, 2002. The following information was presented by the Village pertaining to Trail Development in Bloomingdale:

LAWRENCE AVENUE RECREATIONAL TRAIL

On June 10, 2002, the Village Board rejected the bids for the Lawrence Avenue trail.

The proposals were within budget, including the more expensive, but safer ACQ wood preservative.

The Stormwater Management Permit has not been issued.

Staff is evaluating the feasibility of the alternate routes.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

On June 6, 2002, Village staff presented the Lake Street Reservoir/Meacham Grove Forest Preserve Trail Linkage project to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The Village is requesting a 50-50 grant from the IDNR to share the cost of the project estimated at \$400,000.

The project will link the west entrance to the Lake Street Reservoir to the east parking lot of Meacham Grove via a proposed trail along Springbrook Creek, then north to Spring Valley Drive at Pleasant Avenue, then west 2 blocks to the east entrance of Meacham Grove.

The trail would be 10 feet wide paved in asphalt.

GLEN ELLYN/LAKE STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The Village is in final design for the pedestrian activated push button signalization improvements at the intersection of Glen Ellyn Road and Lake Street.

The project will permit at-grade crossing of Glen Ellyn Road and the west leg of Lake Street to gain access to the west entrance to the Lake Street Reservoir.

The project includes ramps for the handicapped in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act so that wheelchair users have access to this improvement.

The existing trail along Glen Ellyn Road will be extended up to the intersection.

The Village expects to contract for this work later this summer, and hopefully have most of the improvement finished by late fall.

BLOOMINGDALE GOLF CLUB LAKE STREET FRONTAGE

Dartmoor Homes is presently constructing the Lake Street trail along the frontage of

Eastgate Subdivision as required as part of the subdivision improvements. The Village staff has prepared a preliminary plan for completion of the Lake Street trail along the Lake Street frontage of the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

The trail would connect the Dartmoor Trail on the east to the existing trail at the intersection of Lake Street and Glen Ellyn Road, as well as the Glen Ellyn/Lake Street pedestrian push button crossing signal.

The centerline of the trail has been marked in the field. The Village hopes to contract for this work later this summer, and have the paving finished later in the fall for use before winter.

The Glen Ellyn and Lake Street Pedestrian Crossing project was bid shortly before press time. More details will follow in the next issue.



Alan Birkley is sworn in by Mayor Bob Iden as our newest Police Pension Board member.



These strange-looking structures are part of a bridge being built at William Way and Lake Street by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Bloomingdale Township and the villages of Roselle and Bloomingdale. The bridge, which will connect the rec path trail currently on Rosedale, is slated for completion this fall.

Summer Road Construction Update

Edgewater Drive Reconstruction is proceeding on schedule as planned. Phase 1 was recently paved in preparation of phase 2 excavation. Installation of curbs and paving was planned for completion in the latter portion of July. Sod restoration of lawns will take place when cooler weather conditions allow, in late August or September. In addition to the street reconstruction, there are also culvert repairs taking place on Edgewater, Lakeview, Glen Ellyn and Greenway, which should also be nearly completed.

The streets slated to be resurfaced have been edge-grinded in Heritage at Stratford, Stratford Lakes, Bloomfield Club, and the east end of Schick Road. These are proceeding according to schedule, and paving should be finished near the time you receive this issue. Willow Lane, Driftwood Lane and Acorn Lane have had new curbs and driveways installed and should also have been paved near the end of July. If you have any questions on these projects, please contact the Engineering Division at 671-5676. We apologize in advance for any inconveniences these paving projects may have caused and thank you for your patience during our construction.



The Village Services Public Works Division and Police Department were both represented at the Park District's "Touch a Truck" event in June. Employees Paul Dublin and Dan Lamz showed youngsters a front end loader, 2.5 ton dump truck, 1 ton dump truck and a skidster. The squad cars were manned by Patrol Officer Paul Alcozer and Sergeant Frank Giammarese.

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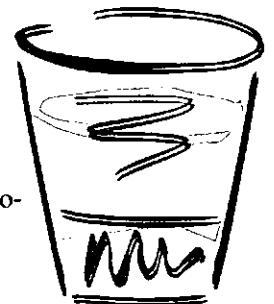
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Why Does My Water Taste Different in the Summer?

Every spring, benthic algae in Lake Michigan release 2-MIB and Geosmin (natural compounds) that produce a distinct taste and odor in the warmer water. Refrigeration of drinking water helps to reduce those tastes and odors. The same is true for a chlorine taste or smell. A residual quantity of chlorine remains in the water to maintain protection from bacteria right up to your tap. Fill a pitcher full of water and refrigerate overnight. The chlorine content and taste will disappear.



A Reminder About Summertime Sprinkling Restrictions

Use of automatic sprinklers is limited between the months of May and September. Single-family residences with odd number addresses may sprinkle on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 5-9 a.m. and 5-9 p.m. Single-family residences with even numbered addresses, as well as commercial, governmental, industrial and office buildings may sprinkle on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday during the same time periods. Automatic sprinkling devices are not allowed on Friday.

Be in the Septemberfest Parade!!!

Septemberfest is looking for businesses, civic and sports organizations to be in the parade kicking off at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, September 7.**

Join the Bloomingdale Chamber, Bloomingdale Township, scouts, cheerleaders, Septemberfest Commission, Lake Park Lancettes and the **CHARACTER COUNTS!** Coalition as they march. Call Debby at 894-8309 for more information and/or an application by **August 18.**

Support the 30th Anniversary celebration Be a Friend of Septemberfest!

The Septemberfest Commission encourages Bloomingdale residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund which provides the scholarship awards to Mr. & Ms. Bloomingdale and their runners-up. Individuals or businesses donating \$20 or more will be listed on the donor signage at Septemberfest under the "Friends" heading.

To become a friend, fill out the form below and mail to the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Donations must be received by August 24 to be included on the donor signage.

Name (as you wish it to be listed) _____

Address _____

(daytime phone) _____

(evening phone) _____

I am enclosing a check for ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ other

Mail your check or money order made payable to Septemberfest 2002 to: Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

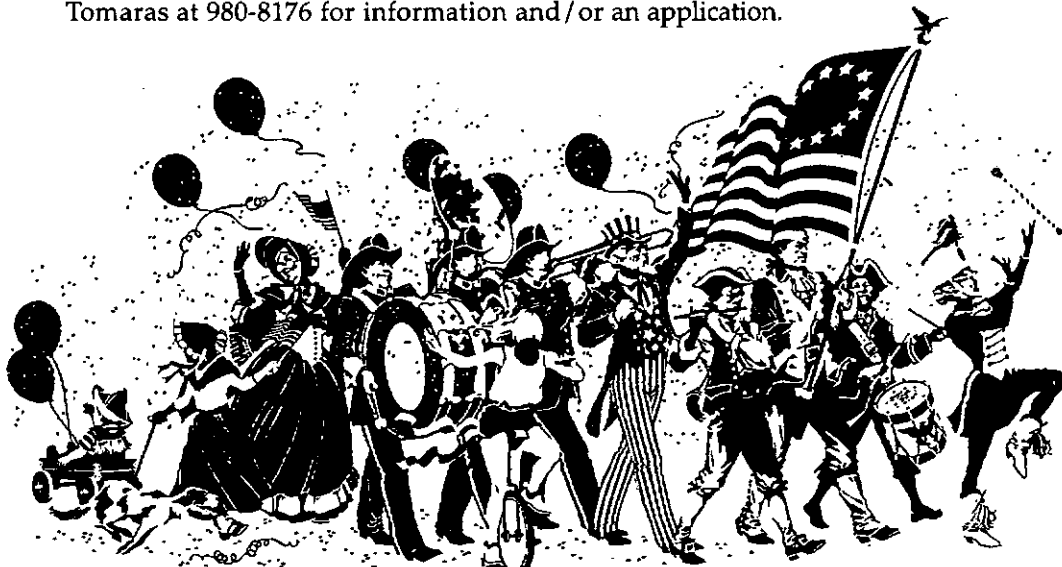
Want to Take Part?

There are still openings for booths to participate in the event, scheduled for Noon to 11 pm on **Saturday, September 7.** The commission is looking especially for an organization to do some kid activities. Call Pam Hager at 529-4232 or the Village Hall at 671-5614. **Note: Applications must be turned in by August 18.**

Show Off Your Vintage Vehicle at Classic Car Show!

Bring your antique or classic car to the street dance and car show to celebrate the 30th annual Septemberfest. The show will run Saturday, September 7, 2002 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Bloomingdale Old Town, Third and Franklin Streets.

The first 40 cars to meet the eligibility requirements will be selected for the show. You will receive written confirmation of your participation. Call Gloria Tomaras at 980-8176 for information and/or an application.



Community Events

Roy's Fish Fry August 9

Roy's Fish Fry will be held on August 9 at the Bloomingdale Public Library at 6:30 p.m. See page 22 for details.

St. Andrew Festival August 17

St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church hosts its annual festival on August 17 & 18 at the church grounds, 300 E. Army Trail Road. The event will feature a craft fair, 3 on 3 soccer tournament, children's games, food, drink and entertainment.

Villagers Host Ice Cream Social

The Villagers of Bloomingdale invite all women in the area to attend their annual ice cream social to get to know the members and explore the club's activities. For more information call Bette at 924-6861.

Historical Society's Attic Sale September 6

The Bloomingdale Historical Society will be hosting its Attic Sale Friday, September 6 from 9-3 and Saturday, September 7 from noon - 5 at the old Village Hall, 109 W. Lake. The organization is seeking donations of usable items (no clothing). These can be dropped off at the old Village Hall from 10 - noon on both Saturday, August 31 and Thursday, September 5. For more information call Kandy at 529-3120 or Mary Ellen at 671-5600.

Garden Club Hosts Native Tree Program September 18

Larry Slavicek, Bloomingdale's urban forester, will present a Native Tree Program and slide show at 1 p.m. for the Bloomingdale Garden Club on Wednesday, September 18 in Meeting Room B, Bloomingdale Public Library. RSVP to Kathy Austin at 295-5963. Membership information is available from Marian Jonas at 529-1165.

Theater Group's First Production Set for September 22

The Stage One Theater Group presents its inaugural production, made possible by the generous support of The Bloomingdale Public Library and The Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale. *Catching the Light of Inspiration*, will premier at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, on September 22, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. The production will ignite your "light" of inspiration. For more information or reservations, call Adeline Dobbins, 529-5810. Admission is free.

"Bad Pants Open" Golf Outing September 28 at Indian Lakes

Indian Lakes Resort hosts its sixth annual "Bad Pants Open," on September 28. This unique event is a day of fun filled with golf, joking around and contests, including the competition for the "baddest" golf pants. The fundraiser benefits health care programs supported by Lions of Illinois Foundation. For more information call 529-0200, ext 6789.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection October 5

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will take place in Westmont on Saturday, October 5, from 8 am to 3 pm. The location is Ty Warner Park, corner of Plaza Drive and Blackhawk Drive (access is easiest from Cass Avenue). HHW includes cleaning solvents, oil-based paint, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts, helium cylinders and more. Call the HHW hotline at (630) 510-2810 for more information and/or directions.

Upcoming golf outings

Bloomingdale Lions Club sponsors its annual "Swing for Sight" golf outing on Friday, August 9 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club with a 1:30 shotgun start. \$95 per person includes greens fees, cart, light breakfast, luncheon and prizes. Call 924-0510 for more info.

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce holds its annual golf outing, "Celebrate Aamerica," on Wednesday, August 21 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. \$125 per person includes lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart, a BBQ dinner and prizes. Shotgun start at noon. Call 980-9082 for reservations.



Scholarship winners: A number of Bloomingdale students earned scholarships from local organizations this spring. **Navpaul Singh**, graduating senior from Glenbard East High School, **Kathryn Marchi** and **Matthew O'Rourke**, both Lake Park graduates won scholarships from the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce.

Marchi and O'Rourke also earned a scholarship from Westfield Middle School teacher Jay Perkins, presented in honor of his late wife, Patti. **Michael Loquercio**, Lake Park graduate, was the recipient of the School District 13 scholarships from DuJardin, Erickson and Westfield Middle schools.

The Bloomingdale Women's Club presented scholarships to Sarah Krohn, a graduate of Lake Park High School, and to Brett Bartelli, a Driscoll High School graduate. Additionally, Deborah Korell was the recipient of the adult continuing education scholarship from the BWC.



Matthew O'Rourke, Scholarship Chairperson Dr. Bridget Horan, Kathryn Marchi, and Navpaul Singh.



New Golf Director at Indian Lakes: Thomas Denklau was recently named director of golf at Indian Lakes Resort. He was previously the head golf professional at Seven Bridges Golf Club. Denklau is a golf professional who started -- literally -- at the grass roots level mowing and irrigating a golf course in a nearby suburb, and has now worked his way up to directing the staff of a 36 hole golf resort.

Clayton Keller, Bloomingdale's first mail carrier, punches out for the last time. Clayton Keller, former Bloomingdale resident began his postal career when Bloomingdale first began home mail delivery. In the first couple weeks of work, there were four routes and Keller had 35 deliveries. It took him 30-45 minutes. The number of deliveries picked up as people waited for the rent on their post office boxes to expire. As he retired 31 years later, we are up to 22 routes and 28 full- and part-time carriers.

Keller doesn't remember ever having a day that mail delivery was suspended, not even during the blizzard of '79. He said the carriers just delivered as much as they could, then came back to the office. The next day they would start where they left off.

When Clayton first started as a young man out of the service, he didn't think about making a career as a mail carrier. And there were some 100 plus degree days, not to mention the big snows and freezing temperatures, when he wondered about sticking it out. We're glad he did. Congratulations, Clayton. Happy Retirement!



Our Sons and Daughters in the Service

Christopher Aden, son of Charles Aden, is currently serving in the U.S. Army. The 2000 Lake Park graduate completed his basic training at Fort Benning and just recently completed his advanced infantry training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina. He finished that training with honors, having earned a 96 out of 100. After a brief visit home, the 20-year old's first assignment is in Fort Hood, Texas, as a motor pool mechanic.

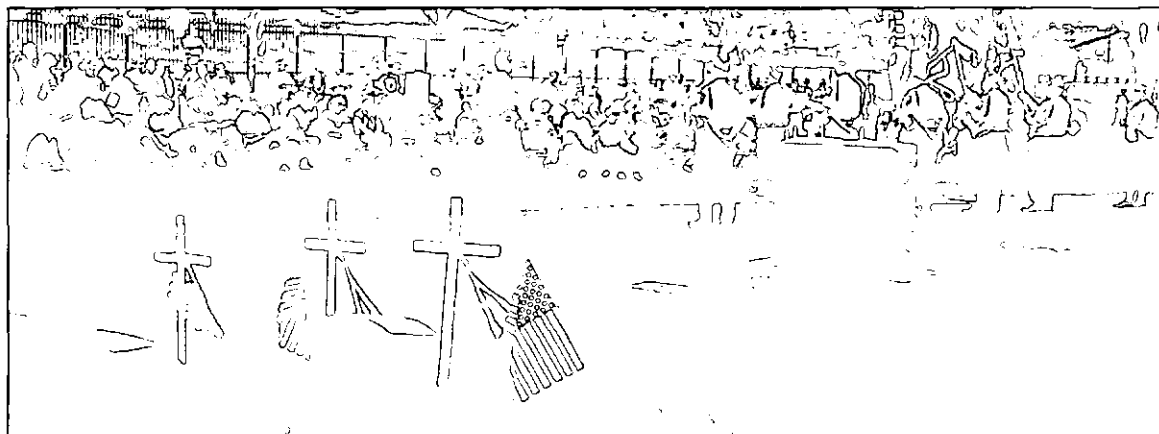
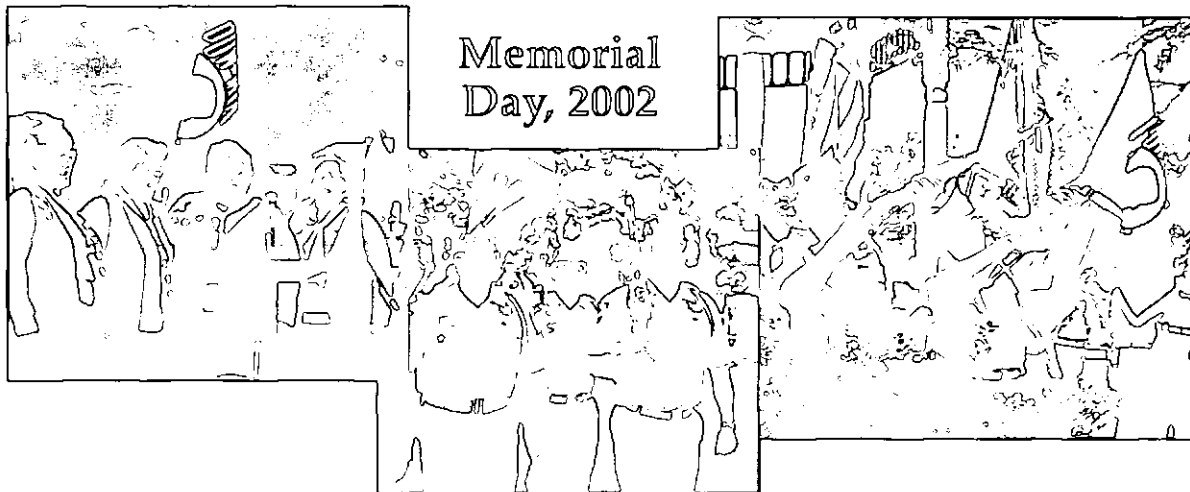
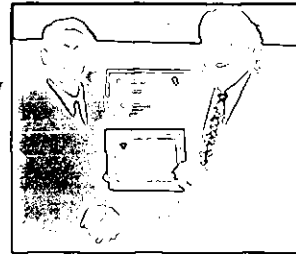
Brandon Nemec, son of Paul Nemec, is serving in the U.S. Army as a military police officer at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The young man, who just turned 21, joined after high school, signing up for a four-year stint. He did his basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri. Brandon would like to eventually have a career in law enforcement.

Matthew Kouchoukos, son of Bill & Karen, is a 28-year old captain in the Air Force. The fighter pilot was in Kuwait in February, then shipped to Afghanistan for a month and a half. He flies an A-10 Thunderbolt "warthog" and is presently based at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina. He is also flying with an A-10 demo team and has done some air shows, which is a prestigious job.

Resident **Bill Wolff** was recently sworn in as the 19th District Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The 19th District stretches from Elmhurst to DeKalb and Wood Dale to Montgomery. Wolff, who is also an assistant fire chief for the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District, is a charter member of Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 and the first district commander to come from this post.

New Police Officer:

Police Chief Gary Schira congratulates **David Spradling**, after he was sworn in by Mayor Iden as a probationary police officer on July 8.



Around & About Town

Bloomington Among Areas Being Treated by State To Slow Spread of Gypsy Moths

The Gypsy Moth is a notorious pest of hardwood trees and in wooded suburban areas, trees are visibly defoliated during periods of infestation. Gypsy Moth populations are expanding in DuPage County. To slow the spread of the Gypsy Moth, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) has provided control treatments to over 20,000 acres in DuPage County this year. In proximity to Bloomington, two areas received two aerial applications of *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* (Btk), a biological insecticide, during the end of May. Btk is active for three days and will kill any leaf-eating caterpillar feeding during that time. Btk is only harmful to feeding caterpillars and not harmful to other organisms. One of the areas includes Bloomington residents and totals 668 acres with the approximate boundaries of Rosedale Avenue, Lake Street, North Circle Avenue, and Turner Avenue in Roselle. The second area totals 644 acres and includes Medinah and Nordic Hills Golf Courses.

Field inspections by IDOA in the treatment areas indicate good results from the treatments. Additionally, in order to determine the spread of Gypsy Moth, IDOA conducts comprehensive Gypsy Moth trapping programs. Delta or milk carton traps (6 inches by 3 inches), which vary in color (green, orange or brown), are placed about 5 to 6 feet off the ground on tree trunks or poles. They are distributed in areas that are known to have Gypsy Moth and at the leading edge of an infestation to track its spread. The traps are baited with a synthetic pheromone (scent) that attracts the male Gypsy Moth. Males enter the trap looking for the female producing the pheromone, and they get stuck on its sticky interior. Each September, the number of male moths in traps is counted to determine the extent of the Gypsy Moth population. This provides a means to determine the potential infestation of an area. The traps do not contain an insecticide. Do not disturb or move Gypsy Moth traps, and do not put out your own Gypsy Moth traps. When large numbers of Gypsy Moths are detected in traps, an area may be designated as quarantined. Traps are generally removed in August.

The life cycle of the Gypsy Moth in northern Illinois begins in May when the larvae hatch from the eggs. It is during the larval stage that Gypsy Moths damage trees. Newly hatched larvae are about 1/8 inch long, hairy, and mostly dark brown to black. The larvae are voracious feeders and can reach up to 3 inches in length. Larger larvae have blue and rusty red spots on their backs. The larger larvae feed in the treetops at night and migrate down the trunk to hide during the day in protected spots.

In July, caterpillars change into pupae, the transition stage between larvae and moths. Pupae usually are found in crevices in the tree trunk or on larger branches. Pupae are dark brown, shell-like cases about 1 to 2 inches long and sparsely covered with hairs. Adult moths emerge from pupal cases and are present in July and August. Females have tan bodies, 1 inch or more in length, and cream-colored wings, but they cannot fly. Males are smaller, less than 1 inch long, dark brown with feathery antennae, and are good fliers.

In a week to 10 days after emerging, the females lay between 500 to 1,000 eggs. The eggs are covered with a dense mass of tan or buff-colored hairs. The egg mass is approximately 1.5 inches long and .75 inches wide. The eggs are the overwintering stage of the insect. The egg masses are attached to trees, houses, or any outdoor object. If you find egg masses, do **not** scrape off the egg masses right away. Call IDOA's toll-free Gypsy Moth Hotline at 1-866-296-6684. IDOA may send a staff member to assess the problem. After contacting IDOA, egg masses can be scraped off trees or other objects with a putty knife and discarded into a container of soapy water, in a sealed plastic bag with your trash or by burning. Golden Natur'l Spray Oil, a soybean oil product, can be used to destroy egg masses as well. This product is available at many local garden centers.

Want to Know More About Gypsy Moths?

For further information, you can contact the office of University of Illinois Extension DuPage County at (630) 653-4114. They are providing two fact sheets: Gypsy Moth NHE-153 and Guidelines for Tree Survival. These can be picked up at their Wheaton office or mailed to you at no charge. Also, Master Gardener volunteers are available to help answer your questions.

In addition, Illinois Extension has developed a website for Gypsy moth in DuPage County, which can be found at:

<http://www.urbanext.uiu.edu/gypsymoth/>

Also, Larry M. Slavicek, Village of Bloomington Urban Forester, can be contacted at (630)-671-5803

or

slavicekl@vil.bloomington.il.us

Practice Range and Junior Course Have Golfers In the Swing!

The dual practice facility/junior course opened at the Bloomingdale Golf Club earlier this summer at the northwest corner of the golf course. The two-tier grassed main tee can accommodate 12 people at one time. There is also a third tier with synthetic turf mats for wet weather use.

Additionally, there is a teaching tee, which can accommodate up to 6 more practice stations when our new pro, David Shallcross, is not holding individual or group private lessons. Also available are junior golf lessons for three age groups. Shallcross, who came to us from Nordic Hills, likes to keep the classes in the 8-10 student range, so each youngster gets enough individual attention.

We are also using the target greens in conjunction with tees placed on the practice facility to create a six-hole short course, all par 3's. By saving as many trees as possible in creating the practice facility, we hope we have created a very interesting, unique, and aesthetically pleasing practice environment for both beginner and junior golfers, as well as more experienced players. This summer, the six-hole course has been open 8-noon on Wednesdays. Playing the six-hole course is \$5. Interested golfers can make reservations by calling the pro shop at 529-6232.

Use of the facility from the practice tee is \$4 for a bucket of about 35 balls – tokens can be obtained for the pro shop. The pro shop also sells debit cards in denominations of \$40 to \$100, so golfers can simply insert their keycard instead if always stopping by the pro shop for tokens. Shallcross does suggest golfers wishing to schedule a lesson or use the practice/junior course facility should call the pro shop at 529-6232 in advance of arriving to schedule a time or check on the availability of the facility.





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Smoke Alarm Maintenance

Test smoke alarms at least once a month by using the alarm's "test button" or an approved smoke substitute, and clean the units in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Install new batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year, for example, the day you change your clocks or when the alarm chirps (warning that the battery is dying).

Replace all smoke detector batteries immediately upon moving into a new house.

Keep batteries in smoke alarms; do not borrow them for other purposes.

Nuisance activations can be addressed by moving the alarm further away from the kitchen's smoke or bathroom steam and by more frequent cleaning. If problems persist, replace the alarm.

Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

(<http://www.nfpa.org>)

COPING WITH HEAT EMERGENCIES

The body works most effectively within a very narrow range of temperatures. High temperatures cause the body to react by increasing its metabolic rate. It also causes the body to lose fluids through perspiration and the dilation of blood vessels in an attempt to cool the body. Infants and young children, the elderly, amateur athletes, and outdoor workers are more susceptible to these emergencies. Medical emergencies associated with heat exposure include: heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.



HEAT CRAMPS: A person may experience cramps, especially in the large muscles, after strenuous exercise. Move the person to a cool place and remove excess clothing. Do NOT massage cramped muscles. You may give electrolyte-containing solutions such as: Gatorade, All Sport, etc., if it is available.

HEAT EXHAUSTION: The person will be sweating, have moist clammy skin, might be nauseous, and possibly vomiting. They might have a slightly elevated temperature, with a headache and mental confusion. For treatment, move the person to a cool place and cool them by removing as much clothing as possible and applying cool moist cloths. You may give something to drink if the person is alert and not nauseous. Stop cooling the person if goose bumps or shivers develop. If the person's medical condition doesn't improve, call for medical assistance.

HEAT STROKE: This is the most serious of the heat-related emergencies. The person will have an elevated temperature (greater than 105⁰), hot dry skin, and appear confused. This is a true emergency. Call for medical assistance immediately. While waiting, move the person to a cool place and begin *rapid cooling*. Remove as much clothing as possible and apply cold compresses to the chest, groin, armpits, neck, temples, and behind knees. Sponge or mist with cool water and fan, or cover the body with a wet sheet and fan. Do not give this person anything to drink. Do not give them aspirin or other medication to lower their temperature. Do not give either the heat exhaustion or heat stroke person any stimulant, including alcohol or cigarettes.

Certain medications will make an individual more likely to suffer a heat emergency. These include; antihistamines, beta-blockers, antihypertensives, tranquilizers, antidepressants, antipsychotics, MAO inhibitors, alcohol, amphetamines, and diuretics.

Heat Emergency Sites are available for seniors throughout DuPage County. They include the DuPage County Administrative Offices (M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), libraries, city halls, township offices, senior centers, park districts, malls, and P.A.D.S. (Daysite 682-3846). Check your local telephone directories for numbers. Please call ahead for availability. For cooling sites and heat-related information in DuPage County call the DuPage County switchboard at 682-7000, TDD / TTY (630) 682-6926, Hours 8 - 4:30. If there is an emergency, please call 911.

SAFETY SATURDAY

The DuPage County Sheriff's Office will be sponsoring its annual "Safety Saturday" fair on Saturday, September 28, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will be held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, just east of the county complex on Manchester Road. The event will be geared towards families and children and will include a display of emergency vehicles and other attractions.



The Bloomington Fire Protection District #1 would like to welcome four new Firefighter/Paramedics; Jeff Skelley, Joseph McClimon, Christopher Sniegowski, and William McClintock

An Open Letter of Thanks From Family Fest 2002 Chairperson

Family Fest 2002, held on June 27, 28, 29 and 30, was a popular and logistic success. Attendance surpassed last year's, continuing the event's record-setting trend. Everyone had the opportunity to enjoy perfect weather, a wider array of food than ever, a variety of musical entertainment, pig races, pony and camel rides, a petting zoo with exotic and domestic animals, and much more.

Fine planning, cooperation and hard work are the key ingredients for any successful event. A number of individuals deserve special recognition for their work on the Family Fest 2002—some of which started not long after last year's Fest concluded.

I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the Family Fest Committee. Members include: Pat Cirrincione; Milton Clark; Peg Hartnett; Kandice Krettler; Geri McGreevy; Guy Sanalidro; Irene Jones, Recording Secretary; John Dabrowski and Judi Von Huben, Village Board Liaisons; Gary Szott, Finance Department Liaison; Det. Watch Commander Roy Derby and Sgt. Frank Giammaraese, Police Department Liaisons; Dennis Szafran and Ed Lewen, Public Works Liaisons; Mike Sletten, Park District Liaison; Asst. Chief David Christensen and Fire Marshall James Bollow, Fire Department Liaisons.

Special recognition is in order for Dennis Szafran and Ed Lewen, Public Works Department, and their crew for the exceptional job they did on the site grounds before, during and after the Fest.

I also would like to acknowledge Det. Watch Commander Roy Derby, Sgt. Frank Giammaraese and the entire Police Department for their efforts, which provided outstanding security before and during the Fest.

Family Fest has the best when it comes to volunteers. Extra-special "Thanks" to: John Ball and Gloria Reyes, Sandy Dauber, Erin Hartnett, Theresa Holly, Mike and Celine Hovde, Dorothy Jaskey, Irene Jones, Kathy and Noel Kohl, Frank and Rita Letizia, Tony and Lucy Mettewie, Earl Miller, Bonni Rothbaum, Joanna Seebeck, Linda Szramiak, George Wedel, and Keri Winkowski.

Another round of "Thanks" to the following who contributed much to the success of the Fest:

- The Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Park District for the fireworks display
- Village officials for their support
- Village Hall staff
- Library staff
- Adeline Dobbins for writing the Fest press releases
- Pat Barnoski for designing all the brochures and flyers
- Vince Abate for creating and maintaining the official Family Fest web site
- Bloomingdale Park District for their fine cooperation
- Garden Six Joint Venture General Partnership for their fine cooperation
- Alan Stephenson and the staff of the Lone Star Steakhouse, Fest beer vendor
- SCARCE for sponsoring children's activities
- All other vendors, sponsor and contributors.

In closing, I hope everyone who attended this year's Fest had a great time. We're looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at Family Fest 2003.

Mary E. Rodne
Family Fest Chair

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Library Holiday Hours

Saturday, August 31 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 1 - Closed -
Monday, September 2 - Closed -
(Labor Day)

**Sunday hours resume on
September 8
from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**The Bloomington Historical Society
will be sponsoring a raffle
for a week's stay in
Palm Springs, California
(transportation not included)
with the drawing to be held at
Roy's Fish Fry
on Friday, August 9th**

**Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
and will be available at the fish fry or in advance
either in the library's Business Office
or from members of the Historical Society.
Winner need not be present to receive prize.
For additional information
please call (630) 529-3120 ext. 710.**

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

5	Bloomington Historical Society	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
8	14th Annual Ice Cream Social	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
9	5th Annual Roy's Famous Fish Fry	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
10	Writer's Group	9:00 a.m. - Noon
13	Bloomington Seniors	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
14	Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
14	Culture Club	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
*14	Chess Exhibition	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
*15	Book Discussion	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
*15	Mother/Daughter Book Club Info Meeting	7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
*27	Adult Services Program - House History	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
28	Writer's Group	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
28	Friends of the Library	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
*28	Adult Services Program - Home buying	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

2	Labor Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
3	Registration for Fall Storytime Programs Begins	
8	Sunday Hours Resume	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
8	Chess Club (ages 8 and up)	2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
9	Bloomington Historical Society	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
10	Bloomington Seniors	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
*11	Adult Services Program - Investing	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
11	Culture Club	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
11	Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
12	Writers Group	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
14	Writers Group	9:00 a.m. - Noon
18	Bloomington Garden Club	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
*19	Book Discussion	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
*22	Mother/Daughter Book Club	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
22	Chess Club (ages 8 and up)	2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
22	Writer's Group	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
*24	Adult Services Program - Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
25	Writer's Group	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
25	Friends of the Library	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

*Registration required (630) 529-3120

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FALL STORYTIME PROGRAMS

In-person registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3. Phone-in registration will be accepted after 10:00 a.m. that same day at (630) 529-3120 ext. 332. Please have your library card when you register.

Please note that selected programs are open to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only. We regret that we cannot accommodate non-resident attendance at all programs. Please refer to the registration information provided for each program.

All programs, except Bedtime Stories and Chess Club, require registration and no siblings are allowed at registered programs.

The following age appropriate programs are intended for the registered child. Please make alternative arrangements for siblings.

Fall Programming begins the week of September 16

Fall Programming ends the week of December 2

STORYTIMES

Programs for Newborns through Kindergarteners

Registered storytimes are limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.



BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, September 17 - December 3
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**

ROMPER RHYMES (Birth - 15 months)

Tuesdays, September 17 - December 3
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The best way to start "reading" to infants is not really reading at all! Romper Rhymes is a language-enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays are shared with babies and their caregivers. The program is designed to engage parents/caregivers and children in a bonding experience while allowing participants to meet other caregivers and share information. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.



BUDDING READERS (16 months - 23 months)

Tuesdays, September 17 - December 3
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Budding Readers is a transition class designed to prepare toddlers for our two year old storytime. Children and their parents/caregivers will enjoy nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays in addition to a story or flannelboard. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

TIME FOR TWOS (24 months - 35 months)

Fridays, September 20 - December 6
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

What now? Your baby's two! Join us for stories and tunes to suit your active two year old. This interactive program is designed for children and their parents/caregivers. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

JUST THREES (3 year olds)

Fridays, September 20 - December 6
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Your three year old is becoming self-reliant, but wants you to share in the fun. This story program is for children newly turned three and not ready to be left alone in preschool storytime. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings so parents/caregivers can participate with their child.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR (ages 3 - 5)

Mondays, September 16 - December 2
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesdays, September 17 - December 3
(See *Bedtime Stories*)
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Thursdays, September 19 - December 5
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Preschool Story Hour includes a variety of book sharing, flannelboard stories, videos, filmstrips, and musical activities. In order to foster the child's independence, parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the storytime. This program is limited to preschool age children. For those children going into Kindergarten, please see Kindergarten Kapers program information.

KINDERGARTEN KAPERS (Kindergarteners)

Wednesdays, October 2 - November 6
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. OR 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

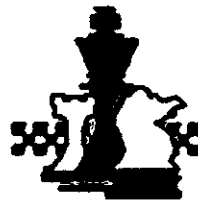
Kindergarten Kapers is a six week morning or afternoon program for the kindergartener who has out grown preschool story hour, but not outgrown the library. The children will enjoy a fun-filled hour of stories, crafts, and musical fun selected for their newly developing skills. In order to foster the child's independence, parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the storytime.

CHESS SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at 2:00 p.m.

United States Chess Champion, International Grandmaster Larry Christiansen will play up to 24 games at once during a "Simultaneous Exhibition" on Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library. The exhibition will feature the Grandmaster walking from board to board playing one move at a time. Any chess player who wishes to test his or her skill against the U. S. Chess Champion is invited to participate. Registration is limited. Priority is given to Bloomingdale Public Library Chess Club Members. If space allows, other players may participate. Call the Youth Services Reference Desk at (630) 529-3120 ext. 332 for registration information. Observers are welcome, as space permits.

REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM



CHESS CLUB

(Ages 8 and up)

Sunday: September 8, September 22,
October 6, October 20, and November 3
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.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB (grades 5 - 8)

This book discussion group for girls in grades 5 - 8 and their moms will meet for three Sunday afternoons 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. Register now at the Youth Services Reference Desk in-person or by phone at (630) 529-3120 ext. 332. If you are unable to attend the Informational Meeting, please let us know and our program instructor will contact you with details. This program is limited to *Bloomingdale Public Library* cardholders only.

Informational Meeting

Thursday, August 15 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

First Discussion

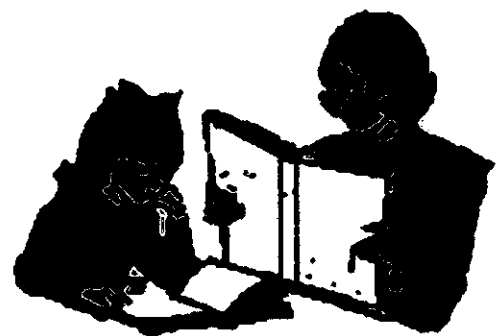
Sunday, September 22 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Second Discussion

Sunday, October 20 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Third Discussion

Sunday, November 17 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are free of charge but require registration which should be made by calling the Reference Desk at (630) 529-3120, ext. 324.

Confessions of a House History Writer

Tuesday, August 27
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Betsy Green, a professional house history writer, will be at the library to give a fascinating talk on some of her experiences while researching homes in the Chicagoland area. A house history writer's job is to search many resources like historical societies and property deeds to uncover as much information as possible about a house. Ms. Green's experiences include everything from ghosts and secret rooms to debunking myths and legends.

The Home Buying Process

Wednesday, August 28
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

If you are considering buying a home and are uncertain of what the process entails then you won't want to miss this seminar. On hand will be a mortgage lender representative, a realtor and an attorney speaking about each aspect of buying a house. Ample time will be provided for questions. This program has proved popular in the past. Don't miss this opportunity for free professional advice!

Financial Management and Investing: What You Should Know

Wednesday, September 11
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join a representative from the Tolbert Investment Group as he explains the ins and outs of investment planning. You'll learn about asset classes, subclasses and "style segments", plus how asset allocation affects risk and return. This is a class from which everyone can benefit regardless of age or income. Don't miss this chance to evaluate your current investment strategy.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series #1 Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci

Tuesday, September 24
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Lyric Opera Lecture Series is back at the library for the 2002-03 season! Join Lyric Opera volunteer lecturer Arn Buonamici as he relates the stories behind the operas Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci. Learn about these two tragedies through musical selections and historical background. Arn is a wonderful and enthusiastic speaker whose knowledge of opera knows no bounds!

Thank You **TO LOCAL SPONSORS** **FOR THEIR SUPPORT**

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the following merchants and organizations for their very generous donations to the Adult and Youth Services Reading Program.

McDonald's
Lou Malnati's Pizza
Chili's Bar and Grill
Old Country Buffet
Kane County Cougars
Garibaldi's
Schoop's
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Also, a special thank you to Costco, which provided cake and cookies for the Sunshine Serenades and the Storytelling Festival, and also for the upcoming Ice Cream Social.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NEWS

Evening Group

Bloomingdale Library's Book Discussion group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. New members are always welcome. Books are available about one month in advance at the Adult Reference Desk. Any questions, please call 529-3120 ext. 324

August 15 - Founding Brothers by Joseph Ellis
September 19 - The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse by Louise Erdrich

Morning Group

A new morning Book Discussion Group is being planned for October. The discussion leader will be Annamarie Erickson, Local History Coordinator. The meeting schedule will be the first Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All discussions will be free expression, existing in an atmosphere where all members understand that everyone is welcome to their own opinion.

With a light breakfast we will begin to explore both historical fiction and non-fiction using the theme approach. For our first year America will be the topic. We will try to round out the selection with biographies, histories, classics and new novels. If you are interested, please contact Annamarie Erickson at (630) 529-3120 ext. 341. The first selection will be:

October 1 - Seven Days in June by Howard Fast A story portraying both sides of the Battle of Bunker Hill

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 Bloomingdale 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 beginning August 1. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.



Introduction to the Personal Computer

Monday Aug. 5 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 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.

Intermediate Microsoft Word

Wednesday Aug. 7 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.)

Using Email

Monday Aug. 12 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will introduce the students to creating an Email address, performing basic functions, and more advanced procedures such as using attachments and managing folders. (Having taken "Using the Internet" is recommended.)

Advanced Microsoft Word

Wednesday Aug. 14 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will discuss the more complex features that Word provides. In addition to editing and creating documents, Microsoft Word has tools to create labels, envelopes, letters, and more. Mail merge and tables will be discussed. (Having taken "Intermediate Microsoft Word" is recommended.)

Using Publisher

Saturday Aug. 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.)

Using Power Point

Monday Aug. 19 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 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.)

Advanced Excel

Wednesday Aug. 21 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.)

COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & SENIORS (continued)

Adult Computer Course

Monday, Sept. 9 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 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.

Adult 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.

Intermediate Excel

Wednesday Sept. 11 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs and linking between multiple worksheets. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Excel" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Introduction to Microsoft Access

Saturday Sept. 14 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access. Topics such as creating Tables, Queries, Forms, and Reports will be covered. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Understanding Your Computer 1

Wednesday Sept. 18 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.)



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Summer Concert Series Continues

The music and fun continue at Old Town Park this month beginning with a children's show on the 1st, Magic by Chezaday. All concerts begin at 7:00pm - rain or shine. Check out the remaining dates:

Family Series - Tuesdays

August 6 - Mr. Myer's

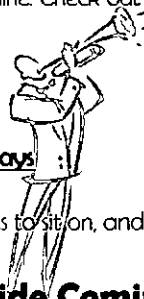
August 13 - Kraig Kenning

August 20 - R-Gang

Children's Series - Thursdays

August 1 - Chezaday

Bring your chairs & blankets to sit on, and enjoy the summer nights at Old Town Park.



Fall Program Guide Coming Soon!

Look for the Fall program guide to be on doorsteps mid-August. The website will reflect the changes brought by the Fall season as well. Be sure to check them out!



Doggie Dip

September 5, 6:30-8:00pm

Join us for this winning event of the 2001 Illinois Park and Recreation Association's Outstanding Program Award. The popular Doggie Dip is back for 2002 at the Bloomington Park District Pool. Bring your dog for a refreshing evening of swimming. There will be special doggie giveaways and plenty of splashing fun. All dogs must remain leashed while on the pool deck and have current shots. Dog handlers must be 16 or older. The fee is \$3 per resident dog, and \$5 for nonresident dogs. Deadline to register is Aug. 28.

National Night Out

August 6th, 6:30-9:00pm

The Park District and the Bloomington Police Department are proud to sponsor this event in support of National Night Out. Open swim, food and beverage, as well as games, prizes, music and lots of fun are on the menu for the evening. The evening is designed to generate support and participation in the local anti-crime efforts through the Neighborhood Watch Program and strengthen neighborhood spirit and community relations.

Preschool Openings for Fall

Walk-in registration is currently being accepted for the 2002/2003 school year. Tiny Tots and Pre Kindergarten classes begin September 3; Intro to Preschool classes begin September 10. Hurry and register now at the Park District to reserve your spot as spaces are filling quickly. Call 529-3650 for more information.

Early Morning Yoga

The Park District is offering a new early morning yoga class starting September 17 from 6:00-7:00am at the Westfield Gym. Call the Park District for more information.



2002 Pool Season Remaining Hours

Get your fill of swimming before the season's over! Listed below are the remaining open hours of the JRC Pool:

Weekends

August 3-18 1:00-5:00pm; 6:00-8:00pm

August 24, 25, 31 1:00-5:00pm

September 1 & 2 1:00-5:00pm

Weekdays

August 1-16 1:00-5:00pm; 7:00-9:00pm

Westfield Track Memberships on Sale

Looking to shed a few pounds? The 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 6:30-8:00am (beginning Sept. 17, weekdays hours begin at 5:30am) and 4:00-9:45pm, Saturday & Sunday 8:00am-noon.

Make a Difference Day & Scout Jamboree

Ferris the Frog, mascot of the wetlands is looking for you again! The Parks Foundation will host the annual event the evening of September 27 and the morning of September 28. Scouts will camp out at Springfield Park and enjoy games and activities; in the morning, all are invited to take part in activities consisting of cleaning the wetlands, collecting seeds for future plantings, making crafts, and more!



NEW! Make a Difference 5K Fun Run/Walk:

Be sure to register early for the Bloomington Park District's 1st Annual "Make A Difference" 5K Fun Run/Walk! Registration begins 8/15/02. Race day is September 28, 2002.

At the Museum...

Youth Art Competition 7

Now-August 24, 2002

Hours: Wed. through Sat.: 10am-4pm

Contemporary Art Quilts

September 7-October 20, 2002

Opening Reception: Saturday, September 14, 5-8pm

Gallery I: "National Selections," features contemporary art quilts by three nationally recognized artists: Caryl Bryer Fallert, Pat Kroth, and Jane Sassaman

Gallery II: "Quilt National," features the exquisite national traveling exhibition of "The Best in Contemporary Quilts" from the Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Art Center.

Museum Hours (Beginning Sept 7): Wed: 4-8pm; Thurs-Sat: 10-4pm; Sun 12-4pm

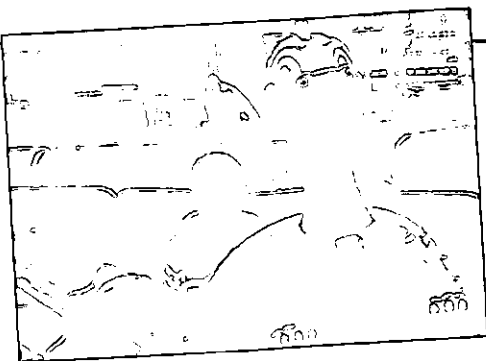
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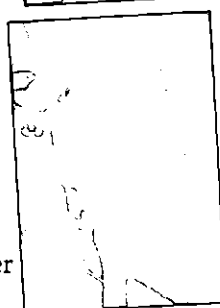
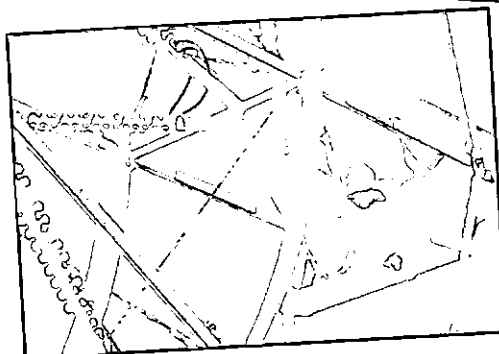
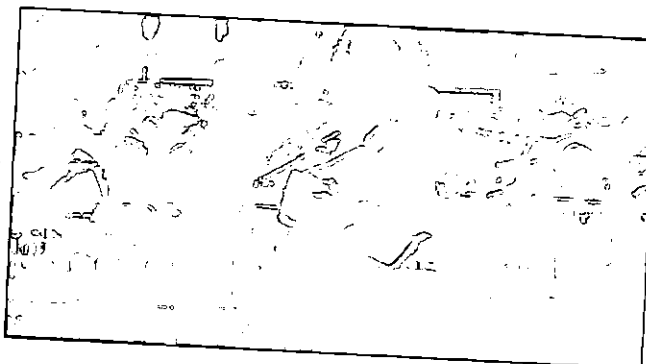
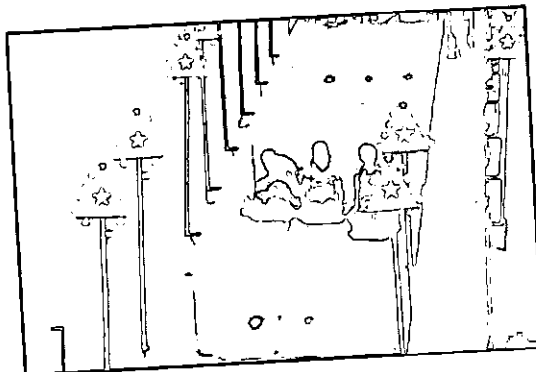
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