

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

October 2003



From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Thanks to Chairman Pam Hager and her great Septemberfest Commission members, the wonderful weather and the support and participation of all the community, I can safely say the 31st annual Septemberfest was a total success!

For all the names of those behind the scenes, see Pam's letter of thanks on page 6. You can also check out pictures from the event on the back page, along with the names of our very generous sponsors. Please patronize those businesses in thanks for their support of the community time-honored tradition.

The parade seems to get bigger and better every year. It is great to see so many community groups taking part in it. Especially moving was the entry from the Bloomingdale Fire Department, featuring the infamous raising of the flag from the Twin Towers site. Also neat to see was the old fire truck ridden by the Bloomingdale Historical Society. That was really one of our old fire trucks, circa 1929, which is now owned by one of our residents. And, of course, it is always great to see so many young people, little ones and the teens, marching along the parade route.

Winners were announced at the car show. Paul Donato's '72 Corvette received the People's Choice; Mayor's Choice went to Tony Ragano for his '61 Thunderbird. The Septemberfest Commission Best of Show was Wayne Blassen's '55 BelAir. Terry Gabriel's '70 Chevelle SS earned the Lions Club Best Muscle Car and John Cascio took Women's Club Best Convertible for his '63 Corvette. A '74 VW Beetle, owned by James Alongi was named Bloomingdale Park District's Most Unique. Bob Zenker's '29 Ford Truck earned the Knights of Columbus Best Pre-WWII entry.

New this year was a motorcycle show which was very well attended. The following Committee Choice awards were presented at that show: Sportster - Linda Garrison/1991 Harley-Davidson Sportster; Dresser/Touring - Tom King/2001 Harley-Davidson Ultra Classic Fireman's Edition; Cruiser - Pat Mahoney/1984 Harley-Davidson Softtail; Antique - Tim Garrison/1974 Harley-Davidson Sportster; American Sportbike - Harley McComb/2000 Buell S3T Thunderbolt; Import - Sandy Raucci/2002 Yamaha V-Star; Custom - Rich Mahoney - 2003 Custom.

The People's Choice awards presented were: Sportster - Jay Hartzell/2001 Harley-Davidson Sportster; Dresser/Touring - Dan Murphy/2002 Indian Chief Roadmaster; Cruiser - Eric Thorpe/2003 Harley-Davidson Duece; Antique - Per Bogehegn/1954 Nimbus; American Sportbike - Harley McComb/2000 Buell S3T Thunderbolt; Import - Chris Platt/2001 BMW K12RS;

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The CHARACTER COUNTS! float was one of many colorful entries in the parade.

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 3rd & 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

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION
3rd Wednesday of every month
9:30 a.m. -- Library

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION
2nd 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

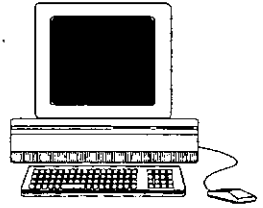
James M. Gebis
*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

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 December issue
of the
Almanac is
NOVEMBER 10**

Congratulations, Bloomingdale Navy!



Meet the Bloomingdale Navy, champions of the Western DuPage Baseball League in the 15-16 year old division. The team came in first in the American division with a 12-2 record. They then won 5 straight playoff games, including the championship game against Glen Ellyn from the National division. They finished with an overall record of 17-2.

Front Row, (l to r) Mark Mlynski, coach, Drew Pasko, Gino Lagua, Alex Mlynski, Dan Brown, Dave Aremka, Joe Saverino, Sean Brown, Coach. Back Row, (l to r) Stan Poplonski, Coach, John Guerriero, Dean Homola, Tony Rosenwinkel, Eric Poplonski, Mark Poplonski, Matt Gruendler, Kent Homola, Manager. Not pictured -- Coach Rich Rosenwinkel

Come to the

FREE

Child Safety Seat Inspections

Where: Toys R Us
404 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingtondale

When: Saturday, October 4

Time: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Over 90% of all child safety seats are installed incorrectly in vehicles.
Is your child safe?**

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will check your child seats to make sure:

- Your seat is installed correctly
- Your seat has not been recalled
- Your seat meets safety standards

Sponsored by the Bloomingtondale Police Department



From the Mayor's Desk

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Custom - Shawn Doyle/2002 Custom; Trike - Joey Raucchi/2003 Custom.

I hope you and your family enjoyed this year's Septemberfest celebration. A great time was had by all who were there.

Looking ahead, please join us on October 21 for the annual CHARACTER COUNTS! Youth Awards in Old Town Park. at 7 p.m.

Looking even further ahead, the Bloomingtondale Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee is busy planning the next fundraiser for the Fire & Police Tribute statue. An incredible Las Vegas Nite is slated for Saturday, January 24 at Indian Lakes Resort. More information is on page 8. This promises to be an evening full of special fun. Hope to see you there!

Happy Fall - enjoy the colors and crisp, cool weather.

WELCOME Bloomingtondale is a CRIME WATCH COMMUNITY



We immediately report all suspicious activities to our police department

**Keep Your
Trick or
Treaters
Safe &
Happy
This
Halloween**

- ☐ NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.
- ☐ Discard any unwrapped items.
- ☐ Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- ☐ Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.
- ☐ At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.
- ☐ Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.
- ☐ Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.
- ☐ For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.
- ☐ Remind children to cross only at corners, and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk -- never run -- across streets.

**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ARE
FROM 3:00-7:30 PM ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**



2004 Tree Planting Program

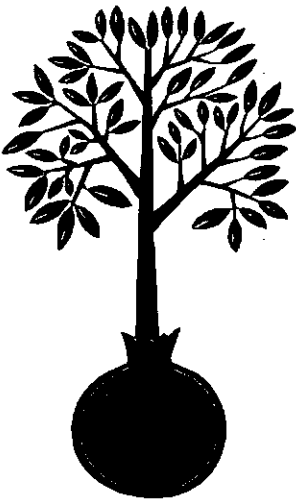


The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. For the fifth year, additional funds have been included for business/commercial properties. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways, residential front yards and business/commercial properties. Business/commercial properties that wish to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- ☐ Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2003. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2004.
- ☐ Trees will be 2 1/2 inch caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- ☐ The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- ☐ Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
- ☐ Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year. Each business/commercial property will be limited to four trees per year.
- ☐ Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- ☐ We anticipate the cost of 2 1/2" caliper trees to be between \$250 and \$350 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.
- ☐ Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- ☐ For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.

If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.



Thank you to the Village residents...

EDITOR'S NOTE: Patrick S. DeMoon resigned from the Village Board on August 1 after 10 years of dedicated service. He will be missed by staff and Board members alike. In a message to the community, he writes . . .

"I hope that during my tenure as Village Trustee, I earned your trust and respect.. THANK YOU to the Mayor and my fellow trustees for allowing me to voice my opinion and thoughts about issues concerning our village. I know that after we debated matters, we worked together for the good of the community... this is not a goodbye. It is a THANK YOU to one and all for making the last 28 years of my life in Bloomingdale very special. I wish you all health, happiness and prosperity."

Patrick S. DeMoon

2004 Tree Planting Program -- Residential Request Form

NAME: _____ DAYTIME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____

Indicate number of each type desired:

PARKWAY

_____ **Autumn Blaze Pear** (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Autumn Blaze')
Pyramidal shaped with more horizontal branch formation. Glossy green leaves change to reddish-purple in fall. White flowers from late April to early May. Matures to a height of 35'-40' with a 15' spread.

_____ **Bur Oak** (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
The Prairie Oak. Develops into an impressive tree with a massive trunk and a broad crown of stout branches. Large dark green leaves with whitish undersides turn yellow brown in fall. Tolerant of urban conditions. Grows moderately to 80'.

_____ **Fallgold Black Ash** (*Fraxinus nigra* 'Fallgold')
Upright form. Excellent gold fall color. Seedless. Very adaptable to poor soils. Grows moderately to 50'.

_____ **Japanese Tree Lilac** (*Syringa reticulata*)
Small tree with stiff, spreading branches that develop an oval to rounded crown. Cherry-like bark and white, fragrant flowers in late June. Matures to a height of 20'-30'.

_____ **Prairifire Crabapple** (*Malus* 'Prairifire')
Upright spreading tree with maroon leaves turning to reddish-green. Single, bright pink-red flowers. Excellent disease resistance; matures to a height of 20'.

_____ **Swamp White Oak** (*Quercus bicolor*)
Matures into majestic tree with large trunk and broad crown. Dark green leathery leaves with white undersides which turn yellow sometimes with red in fall. Very tough and tolerant of heavy clay soils and/or poor drainage. Grows moderately to 60'.

FRONT YARD

_____ **Autumn Blaze Pear**

_____ **Bur Oak**

_____ **Fallgold Black Ash**

_____ **Japanese Tree Lilac**

_____ **Prairifire Crabapple**

_____ **Swamp White Oak**

_____ **7' Black Hills Spruce** (*Picea glauca* 'Densata')
Evergreen with symmetrical, pyramidal shape. Light green to bluish-green color; grows moderately to 30' with a spread of 15'. Tolerant to poor soils.

_____ **Deborah Norway Maple** (*Acer platanoides* 'Deborah')
An excellent tree with reddish-purple leaves in the spring, turning to dark bronze-green in the summer, and bronze in the fall. Matures to 50' height and 40' width.



DELIVER OR SEND TO:
DEPARTMENT OF VILLAGE SERVICES, BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL
201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108

A word of thanks for making it a great Septemberfest

As chairperson of the 2003 Septemberfest Commission, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a well-deserved "Thank You" to all the members of the commission and to the community for its continued support of this event. This is truly a "community" event and one that continues to grow in popularity as time goes on.

It appeared to be enjoyed from the beginning of the parade until the last note that "Hi Infidelity" played. A big "THANKS" also goes out to the Public Works Department employees, and especially to Vern Fasse and Bob Maguire for all of their assistance. And the day would not be complete without all of the assistance from our own "men in blue" of the Police Department, who kept the parade and the event safe, and a special thank you to Len Jaster and Randy Sater for their support and assistance. I would like to thank Mayor Bob Iden and our Village Trustees for their continued support of this event.

And "CONGRATULATIONS" to our Mr. Bloomingdale, Brett Bartelli and Ms. Bloomingdale, Logan Rogers and our other 2003 scholarship winners who will share \$10,500 in total scholarship awards. Please be sure to visit all of our sponsors (listed on the back page) as without them we could not make this event the success that it is.

Pam Hager

County, Village and Park District Join Together For A Water Quality-Friendly Solution to Stabilize Stream Banks at Sunnyside Park

The very upper reaches of the East Branch DuPage River at Sunnyside Park, had been lined with concrete to stabilize the stream banks and move the water downstream faster. Concrete does both of these things very well. But, unfortunately, concrete provides neither a very hospitable place for aquatic life, nor a very aesthetic appearance.

DuPage County Department of Environmental Concerns, the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Park District have recently completed a more water quality friendly solution.

This two-part project, first removed the concrete-lined portion of the channel and re-established a more natural corridor using state-of-the-art methods to diversify flow patterns, create in-stream habitat and direct stream flow away from the stream bank. The second part of the project created a wetland along the stream to slow down and filter stormwater before it gets to the stream, also providing aquatic habitat for fish during times of high flow, as well as for birds and other wildlife.

Funding for this project was provided by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, DuPage County Department of Environmental Concerns, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Park District.



District 93 Offering Innovative PAT Early Childhood Program

Parents and their infants and toddlers, as well as expecting parents in Carol Stream School District 93, now have the opportunity to participate in one of the nation's most successful early childhood programs, Parents as Teachers (PAT). PAT is based on the philosophy that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. The Parents as Teachers program involves: personal home visits, advice to expecting parents, free developmental screenings, group meetings on a wide variety of child rearing topics, and play groups. For more information and/or to enroll, contact Carolyn Rebman, Parent Educator for Parents as Teachers at 630-681-2212 or 630-682-4219.

Fall Branch Pickup Week Set For October 20-24

The summer branch collection was a great success. For the first time, the Village opted to hire a contractor to complete the task. Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. working under the direction of the Village Forestry Division, did the job. With this new program, the branch collection is completed during a one-week period. The fall collection week is October 20th through October 24th. Residents are encouraged to complete tree and shrub pruning in the preceding week.

This program is only available to single family detached residences. Residents of townhomes should contact their association regarding branch collection.

The following guidelines are provided to ensure a quick and efficient pick-up program:

- ☐ Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 20th.
- ☐ Woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- ☐ Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- ☐ All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- ☐ Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

The following items are unacceptable:

- ☐ Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- ☐ Woody branches under 1/2 inch in diameter.
- ☐ Leaves, vines, small (under 1/2 inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- ☐ Large stumps, roots and root balls.*
- ☐ Wooden fencing and construction lumber.*

The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Browning Ferris Industries pick-up (our refuse hauler). BFI yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning BFI pick-ups should be directed to (847) 429-7370.

*Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact BFI at (847) 429-7370 for more information.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program.

Before winter arrives . . .

Residents are asked to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department – Street Maintenance Division at 671-5800.

Also, if ornamental rocks or planters are used for landscape beautification, residents need to ensure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets. If deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations, these obstacles will be removed by the Village.

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671-5600

Indian Lakes Golf Outing Raises Over \$10,000 for 'Everyday Heroes' Statue

A huge thanks to Indian Lakes Resort for hosting the "Everyday Heroes" golf outing on September 21 to raise funds for the police & fire tribute statue. All participants had a great time & preliminary figures indicate the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee raised over \$10,000 from the event. With an appreciative nod to all those who participated, the committee also gratefully acknowledges the following sponsors:

Indian Lakes Resort
Browning Ferris Industries (BFI)
Lexington Health Care
Chicago Bill's Discount Golf
AmeriSuites
West Suburban Bank
Body Vac -The Clean Body System
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Coming up January 24 is a huge Las Vegas Night event at Indian Lakes Resort to benefit the "Everyday Heroes" tribute statue. The BPCD Committee is working together with Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomington Lions Club & Bloomington Chamber of Commerce to offer this terrific community party.

YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM ONE OF FOUR PLANS AVAILABLE:

Level A - \$12 per person - or Book of 10 for \$100 - Includes Casino entry fee & is your raffle ticket to win a Vegas trip

Level B \$35 per person includes Prime Rib Dinner Buffet, Casino entry fee & one raffle ticket for a Vegas trip

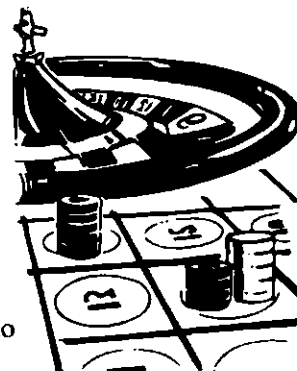
Level C - \$109 includes Overnight Stay at Indian Lakes for two, Casino entry fee & two raffle tickets for a Vegas trip

LEVEL D - \$199 includes Overnight Stay at Indian Lakes for two, Casino entry fee, Prime Rib Dinner Buffet, two raffle tickets for a Vegas trip & Sunday Brunch

Levels A&B will be available after Oct. 15 at the Village Hall (671-5600). Levels C&D will be available after Oct. 15 through Indian Lakes Resort (529-0200).

In addition to the Las Vegas games of chance, there will also be "LIVE" entertainment - Rat Pack & other headline impersonators, silent auction with sports memorabilia and a "Dive-In Movie" for youngsters in the pool area. (Children supervised, courtesy of Bloomington Lifetime Fitness Center.)

For sponsorship information contact Committee Chairman Remo Turano at 529-6391. Don't miss this terrific community party.



Brett Bartelli & Logan Rogers Crowned Mr. & Ms. Bloomingdale 2003

Once again, an outstanding group of young people was awarded scholarships in the Joe Draghi Mr/Ms Bloomingdale Scholarship competition.

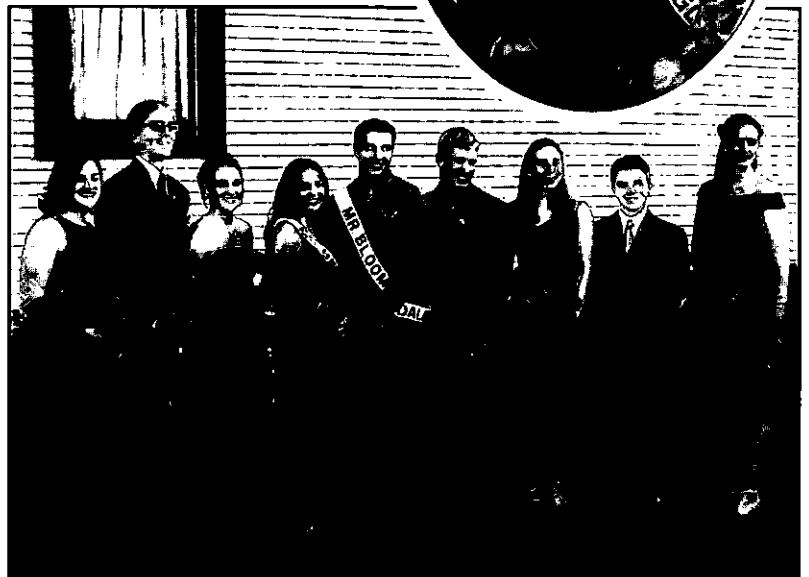
Logan Rogers has been named Ms. Bloomingdale. The 19-year old is a student at Bradley University who is very active in a variety of activities on campus, as well as serving as a Resident Assistant. In addition to her school involvement, Rogers takes part in several ministries through St. Isidore Church and volunteers regularly to several charitable agencies, including PADS and Hayward Memorial Hospital in Wisconsin.

Mr. Bloomingdale is Brett Bartelli, Mr. Bloomingdale. The 19-year old Bradley University sophomore is studying to be a secondary education teacher, with a minor in mathematics. He is also devoted to volunteerism, spending his time with PADS, Vietnow and his church group. Since beginning college, Bartelli has also become an active participant in Habitat for Humanity.

First-runner-up Courtney Noonan is a senior at Lake Park High School, who works as a soccer referee for the Bloomingdale Park District and regularly volunteers with her family at the homeless shelter. Theo Sakellarides was also first runner-up. The Southern Illinois freshman has found ways to contribute to the community through the arts.

Seventeen-year old Katherine O'Rourke took second runner-up for Ms. Bloomingdale. She is a Lake Park senior who is very active in the community. Anthony Hodges was named second runner-up. Also very active in community activities, he is currently a freshman at Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids.

Katie Freund and Rachel Soden tied for third runner-up. Freund is an Indiana University student. Soden is a 2003 Lake Park graduate who is attending Wheaton College. Third runner-up Thomas Arvanitis is a sophomore at the University of Illinois – Champaign-Urbana.



Rachel Soden, Thomas Arvanitis, Katie Freund, Logan Rogers, Brett Bartelli, Anthony Hodges, Katherine O'Rourke, Theo Sakellarides, and Courtney Noonan.

Bloomingdale Fire Department Open House

179 S. Bloomingdale Road

Thursday, October 9

5:00-8:00 PM

Bring the whole family!



Community Events Community Events

Villagers Club to Hold Live Auction October 2

Start the bidding at the **Villagers Club of Bloomingdale** live auction to be held on Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. The auction, which features a professional auctioneer, will offer holiday decorations, baby gifts, handmade specialties, collectibles and more. Proceeds benefit local charities. Floral designs for the holidays, demonstrated by Flowers by Christine, will be the theme of the Villagers November 6th meeting at the library, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Villagers is an organization of businesswomen and civic volunteers working together toward common goals of fellowship and community-based philanthropy. For more information on the Villagers, call Joan at 295-9445.

Bloomingdale Women's Club Hosts Victorian Tea October 9

The **Bloomingdale Women's Club** invites women to attend a Victorian Tea on October 9 at the library. The November 13 meeting will feature Rosanne's Caterers to get some hints for that holiday entertaining. The BWC boasts members, women of all ages, married and single, who are interested in enriching their lives through meeting new people, community services and social activities. They meet, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the 2nd Thursday of the month, on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library. For more information, call Violet at 894-6783.

Come to the Pumpkin Patch October 18-31!

The **Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**, 261 Army Trail Road, fills its front lawn with pumpkins for its 10th national Pumpkin Patch Project. The pumpkins are grown on a Navajo Reservation in Farmington, New Mexico and proceeds from the sale of pumpkins, gourds, and corn stalks benefit the church and its youth group. Pumpkin patch date and hours are October 18-31, Monday through Friday, noon to 8 pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am to 8 pm. For more information, call Russ Trainor at 847-330-6806.



Auditions for 'Bambi' Ballet on October 19

The Avnun Yakubov Ballet Cultural Arts Center is now the new home of the **Youth Ballet Theatre Company of Chicago**. The company is holding auditions for the United States premiere of the ballet "Bambi." The remaining date is October 19 from 10 am – 3 pm at the Ballet Cultural Arts Center, Clover Leaf Terrace Plaza, 223 E. Army Trail Road. If interested call 582-5266 or visit www.avnun.com for more information. (pictured are members of the Yakubov Ballet troupe who performed at the Septemberfest celebration.)

Celebrate CHARACTER COUNTS! on October 21

Tuesday, October 21, 2003 has been designated **CHARACTER COUNTS! Day** in Bloomingdale. To celebrate and promote the six pillars of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship – a celebration will be held at 7 p.m. at the Old Town Pavilion. This year's theme is local heroes.

Recipients of the 2003 American Youth Character Awards from Erickson, DuJardin, St. Isidore, Winnebago, and Westfield Middle schools will be recognized. There will be performances by school students and Bloomingdale Park District youth, the always-popular **CHARACTER COUNTS! Shuffle**, refreshments and surprises for all. Come out and enjoy this annual community event.

Community Events Community Events

Bloomington Parks Foundation Hosts Recognition Dinner November 7

Once again, the Bloomington Parks Foundation will be recognizing significant volunteer activities in Bloomington at its 7th annual Recognition Dinner on November 7 at Indian Lakes Resort. The Foundation seeks nominations for those who have committed themselves to the service of our youth and our community. Nominations would be greatly appreciated. Forms are available by contacting the park district at 529-3650, at Staff1@bloomingtonparks.org or on the website www.bloomingtonparks.org. Completed forms should be returned to the park district, 172 S. Circle or by fax 529-9184 by October 31. For more information about the dinner or volunteer recognition, contact Steve Scholten at 529-3650.



Bloomington Church Celebrates 25 Years of Working with Kids

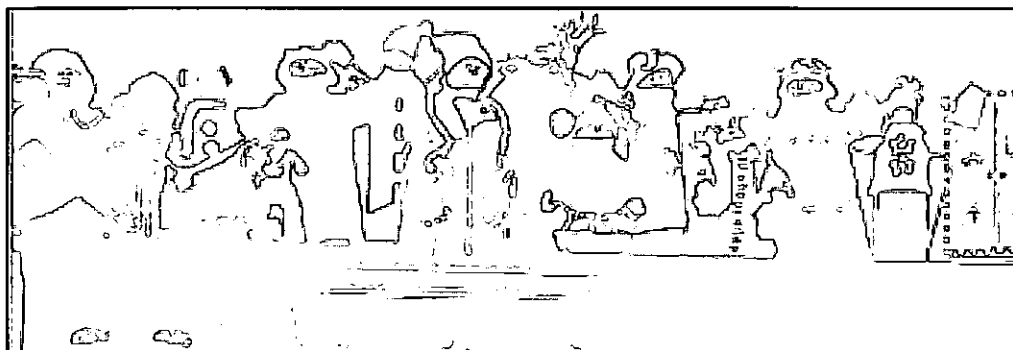
As Bloomington Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road celebrates its 25th year in Bloomington, it is also celebrating 25 years of working with kids via Day Camp, Sunday School, Junior Church and Awana Clubs. Awana Clubs has begun its new year, providing active children's clubs for 3-year olds through 6th grade every Wednesday at 4:15 and 7 pm. For more information call 894-0090.

Mark Your Calendar for Housewalk on November 14

It's Housewalk Time! The Villagers Club of Bloomington hosts its 10th annual "A Walk Though the Holidays," on November 14, from noon - 9 p.m. Four local homes at their festive holiday best, and enhanced by area decorators and florists, open their doors in the name of charity. Included in this year's tour is a home featuring a handmade dollhouse and another where unique collections abound.

In addition, for this special anniversary walk, the Bloomington Park District Museum will be open featuring a display of "The Spirit of Christmas Past." Intermittent entertainment is featured at all locations, and three local restaurants - Roosters, LaEstancia and Amore, will offer specials with the presentation of a ticket.

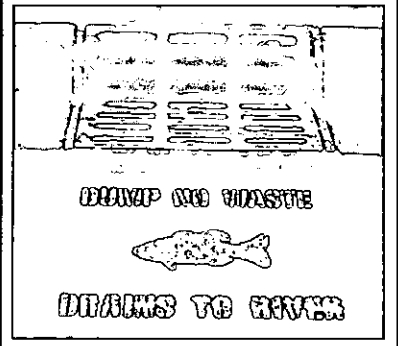
Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 on November 14, and available from the Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Park District, 172 S. Circle, Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomington Road, Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road and at Bank One's two locations, 136 E. Lake and 439 W. Schick.



Put a Fish on Your Street!

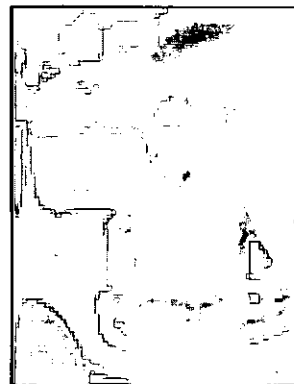
Looking for a service project? How About Storm Drain Stenciling? Let people know that EVERYTHING that goes down our storm sewers goes directly into our streams.

This is a great project for scouts and Eagle Scout projects, school groups, church groups, etc. We provide paint and stencils. For more information call Utilities Supervisor Robert Maguire at 671-5831.



Bloomington Native Now Cincinnati TV Personality

Tony Gnau (pronounced Now) is 'livin' on the air Cincinnati, Cincinnati WLWT." The former DuJardin and Westfield student is enjoying a very successful television broadcast career on the NBC affiliate in Cincinnati. He has earned himself some Emmy Awards from the National Television Academy (Ohio Valley Chapter) in the process. Tony received the 2001 Best General News-Single Story for "Rabbit Hash," the 2002 Best General News-Single Story for "Conference Champs," and the 2002 Crafts Achievement-Reporter-Human Interest/Features (aka best feature reporter) for his series "Where's Tony Gnau?" The 30-year old is a graduate of Southern California with a B.A. in broadcast journalism and is the son of longtime residents Warren and Barbara Gnau.



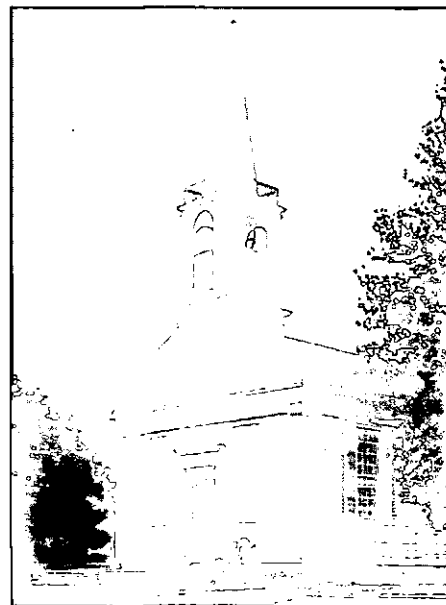
Danielle Torres Miss Teen USA Finalist

Congratulations to **Danielle Torres**, daughter of Laura Vercillo, who was recently named a state finalist in the 2004 Miss Illinois Teen USA pageant. The pageant takes place November 21-23 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. This is the first step on the journey that could lead to the nationally televised Miss Teen USA pageant. Torres is a senior at Lake Park High School.

St. Paul United Church of Christ Celebrates 125 Years

St. Paul United Church of Christ celebrated a rich history of 125 years last month with a weekend of services and fellowship. Back in 1878, a group of German settlers came together to consider the formation of an Evangelical Church. They officially became the German United Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul Church of Bloomington in July 1878. A small cemetery was purchased during that first year and by 1882 a school building was purchased and moved to the church property. The name of the church then became the German Evangelical St. Paul Church.

The recorded history of the church reads like a "Who's Who?" of Bloomington history with well-known names, such as Holstein, Bender, Pauling, Lamprecht, Kroeger, Hillman and Rathje. St. Paul has reflected the changing times. From the gradual move from all-German services to all English services, to the 1930 milestone of extending the right to vote on church matters to the wives of church members and widows, to the joining of St. Paul's Cemetery and the adjacent Evergreen Cemetery in 1963, as well as the renovation and expansion of facilities over the years, the church has kept pace.



The original St. Paul's United Church of Christ

While St. Paul went through a few names before it finally became St. Paul United Church of Christ in 1965, the congregation has always remained a vital member of the community. From the work of the Women's Guild, to the Memorial Day observance in the cemetery, pre-school opportunities and continuous participation in Septemberfest, generations of members of St. Paul's have made the congregation's presence felt in the community. Congratulations and best wishes to the parishioners of St. Paul's on this remarkable milestone in the church's history.

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner November 7

The **Bloomington Lions Club** will sponsor a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 8 pm on Friday, November 7, 2003, at the Bloomington Golf Club located at 181 N. Glen Ellyn Road. Tickets \$8 per person; kids under 8 are free. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit visually impaired and hearing impaired persons in the community as well as other local needs. For additional information, contact Perry Knutson at 630-753-3067.



Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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Fire Prevention Tips for Your Fireplace & Wood Stove

- Have your chimney and vents inspected annually. They should be inspected annually and cleaned if necessary by a chimney sweep certified by the Chimney Sweep Institute of America.
 - Clear the area around the hearth. Debris or other objects too close to the fireplace or stove could cause a fire.
 - Always use a fireplace screen. Always use a metal, mesh screen in front of your fireplace. Leave the glass doors open, unless the manufacturer's instructions specify otherwise.
 - Never overload the fireplace.
 - Keep a fire extinguisher on hand. Also place smoke detectors throughout the house and test them monthly.
 - Build it right in a fireplace. Place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate.
 - Never leave a fire unattended.
- Suggestions from Duraflame Inc.*

By being aware of
your surroundings,
you can protect your-
self, your home and

its surroundings from fire. The following suggestions are offered by the Bloomington Fire Protection District #1 and the United States Fire Administration to help you accomplish this goal. Remember that fire safety is your personal responsibility.

Wintertime Heating Safety

Maintain Home Heating Systems

- ☐ Have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually by a certified specialist.
- ☐ Insulate chimneys and place spark arresters on top.
- ☐ Extend chimney at least three feet above the roof.
- ☐ Remove branches hanging above and around the chimney.

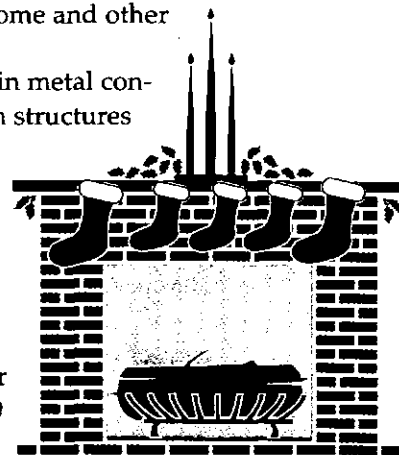
Have a Home Safety and Evacuation Plan

- ☐ Install smoke detectors on every inhabitable level of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Pick a special date, like your birthday, to do this.
- ☐ Develop and practice fire escape and evacuation plans. Make certain that everyone the home knows what to do and where to go in case of a fire. This information should be shared with anyone spending the night, such as holiday guests.
- ☐ Mark the entrance to your property with signs that are clearly visible. Your address should be printed in block numbers that are no less than 4" tall and in a contrasting color. They should be visible from all directions of travel for at least 150 feet. If your house does not face the street on which it is addressed, it is a good idea to include the street name on the address sign.
- ☐ Be sure that the road or driveway leading to your house is at least 12 feet wide to accommodate emergency vehicles. Trim any overhanging branches.

Make Your Home Fire-Resistant

- ☐ Use fire-resistant and protective roofing and materials to protect your home. Avoid using wood materials that offer the least fire protection.
- ☐ Keep roofs and eaves clear of debris.
- ☐ Cover all exterior vents, attics, and eaves with wire mesh screens no larger than 6 millimeters.
- ☐ Keep tools for fire protection from small outside fires nearby: 100-foot garden hose, shovel, rake, ladder, and buckets.
- ☐ Stack firewood at least 30 feet away from your home and other structures.
- ☐ Store flammable materials, liquids, and solvents in metal containers outside the house, at least 30 feet away from structures and wooden fences.

For more information, contact:
The United States Fire Administration
Office of Fire Management Programs
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Or visit the USFA website @ www.usfa.fema.gov or
the Bloomington Fire Protection District website @
www.bloomingtonfire.com



Off the Shelf

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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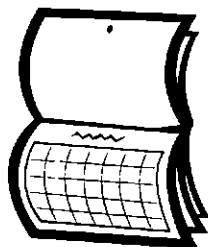
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Mark your calendars!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Halloween Party	October 25
Holiday Open House	December 2
Polar Express	December 7
Breakfast with Santa	December 13

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

6	Bloomington Historical Society	7:30-9:00 p.m.
*7	Historical Book Discussion Group	10:00-11:30 a.m.
8	Culture Club	7:00-9:00 p.m.
*8	Adult Program - Understanding Hormones	7:00-9:00 p.m.
8	Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
9	Writer's Group Workshop	7:00-9:00 p.m.
11	Writer's Group Workshop	9:00-Noon
13	YS Program - Kooky Spooky Magic Show	1:30-2:15 p.m.
14	Bloomington Seniors	11:00-3:00 p.m.
15	Garden Club	7:00-9:00 p.m.
15	Bloomington Quilt Group	7:00-9:00 p.m.
*16	Adult Book Discussion	7:30-9:00 p.m.
*19	Mother/Daughter Book Group	2:00-3:00 p.m.
*20	Adult Program - Manet by the Sea	7:00-9:00 p.m.
*22	Teen Program - Magnetic Poetry	7:00-9:00 p.m.
22	Writer's Group Workshop	7:00-9:00 p.m.
*23	Adult Program - London	7:00-9:00 p.m.
25	YS - Halloween Party	1:00-3:00 p.m.

November

3	Bloomington Historical Society	7:30-9:00 p.m.
*4	Historical Book Discussion Group	10:00-11:30 a.m.
*6	YS Program - Calendars	2:00-4:00 p.m.
8	Writer's Group	9:00-Noon
*9	Bloomington Historical Society - Reflections	2:00-3:00 p.m.
11	Bloomington Seniors	11:00-3:00 p.m.
*11	YS Program - Holiday Gift Making	2:00-4:00 p.m.
12	Culture Club	7:00-9:00 p.m.
12	Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
*16	Mother/Daughter Book Group	2:00-3:00 p.m.
*17	YS - Zoo Ornament Workshop	7:00-8:30 p.m.
19	Garden Club	1:00-3:00 p.m.
*19	Teen Program - Holiday Gift Making	6:30-8:30 p.m.
19	Bloomington Quilt Group	7:00-9:00 p.m.
19	Friends of the Library	7:30-9:00 p.m.
*20	Adult Book Discussion	7:30-9:00 p.m.
*20	Adult Program - College Illinois	7:00-8:00 p.m.
25	Writer's Group Workshop	7:00-9:00 p.m.
27	THANKSGIVING	LIBRARY CLOSED



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Wednesday, November 26	Library closes at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 27	- LIBRARY CLOSED -
Friday, November 28	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 29	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 30	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED (630) 529-3120

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

DROP-IN PROGRAMS:

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
FOR THESE PROGRAMS

BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, September 23 - October 28

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.

FAMILY STORYTIME (All ages)

Mondays, September 22 - October 27

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Family Storytime is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers who want to attend afternoon storytime together. Children will enjoy a variety of book sharing, flannel stories, musical activities and/or puppets during these sessions.

BILINGUAL PANJABI FAMILY STORYTIME

(All Ages)

Thursday, October 9th

7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Please join us to experience a bi-lingual storytime experience in Panjabi and English. Stories, music, and activities will be featured for all ages.

BILINGUAL SPANISH FAMILY STORYTIME

(All ages)

Wednesday, October 15

7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

This 30 minute program will offer stories and songs in English and Spanish for children and their parents.

El Tiempo del Cuento Bilingue para Familias (todo edades)

miércoles, 15 de octubre

7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

30 minutos de cuentos y canciones en Ingles y Español para niños y sus padres.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS

Register in person at the Youth Services Desk or call (630) 529-3120, ext. 332. Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.

SCHOOL AGE SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The following school age programs are limited to
Bloomington Public Library cardholders only.



MAKE & TAKE CALENDAR PROGRAM

(Grades 4 - 6)

Thursday, November 6

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

Registration begins October 20

What better way to spend a day off of school than to make your very own personalized calendar. It can feature special birthdays, holidays, and days off of school! You could even make it as a Christmas present. Please bring 12 photos and a list of your important dates to enter into the computer. We'll provide the rest! Registration is required and limited to 12 participants. To register, please call 529-3120 ext. 332 or stop by the Youth Services Desk. *Registration priority is given to Bloomington Public Library cardholders. Nonresidents will be placed on a waiting list.*



HOLIDAY GIFT MAKING

(Grades 2 and Up)

Tuesday, November 11

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

Registration begins October 20

Get into the holiday spirit early with our holiday gift making program. We'll make simple, yet impressive gifts for your family and friends. We'll also decorate gift bags and make gift tags!

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Check the December Almanac for information on a special week of holiday stories and crafts.

"Lights, Camera, READ!" Summer Reading Program

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Youth Services Summer Reading Program! A total of 633 young people registered for the program and earned prizes based on the amount of time they spent reading. By the end of the program, participants had read a cumulative total of 5,830 hours. Thank you again to the Friends of the Bloomington Public Library and local merchants for their donations and continued support. They helped make the Summer Reading Program a success!

**Congratulations to the Bloomington Public Library Chess Team
for winning 1st Place in the 20th Annual Interlibrary Chess Tournament on August 2nd.**

Youth Services Department

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENT . . .

ZOO ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

(families)

Monday, November 17

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins October 20

Once again the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Public Library will be co-sponsoring the Village of Bloomingdale Community Tree at Brookfield Zoo. All children and their families are invited to join us to make special ornaments for decorating Bloomingdale's 16th Annual Community Tree. Refreshments will be served. Register in person at the Youth Services Desk or call (630) 529-3120 ext. 332. All families who make ornaments are invited to help trim the tree at the Brookfield Zoo on Saturday, November 22 at 1:30 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMS

MAGNETIC POETRY (6th - 12th grades)

Wednesday, October 22

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join us during Teen Read Week. The theme is, "Slammin' at your Library". What a better way to celebrate than with poetry. You can create your own words and make your own magnetic poetry to hang on your fridge, locker, filing cabinet or any other magnetic surface. Registration is required. To register, please call 529-3120 ext. 332, or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

HOLIDAY GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP

(6th - 12th grades)

Wednesday, November 19

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins November 3

Are you strapped for cash this holiday season? Give a gift that comes from the heart. We'll be making inexpensive gifts that are sure to impress your family and friends. Join us to make gel candles, picture frames, ornaments and votive holders. Plus we'll also make gift tags! Registration is limited to 20 participants. To register, please call 529-3120 ext. 332 or stop by the Youth Services Desk. *Registration priority is given to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders. Nonresidents will be placed on a waiting list.*

GINGERBREAD HOUSES (6th- 12th grades)

Wednesday, December 10

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins November 24

Run, run as fast as you can to the library and decorate your very own gingerbread house. We'll provide the supplies for the framework and the decorations. All you need to provide is the decorative genius! Registration is limited to 10 participants. To register, please call 529-3120 ext. 332 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

KOOKY SPOOKY MAGIC SHOW! MONDAY OCTOBER 13

Sail over to the Bloomingdale Library
on Columbus Day and discover fun!

It's a day off of school

so come to the library

and join us as we present:

**Michael Kett and his "Kooky Spooky Magic Show"
at 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

here at the library for a family Halloween Show.

Elementary school children will love it!

Some of the highlights of the show include:

Turning a volunteer into a SUPER HERO!

An unbelievable experiment in time travel!

and

Cutting an audience member in half!



Thank You VolunTEENS!



The Bloomingdale Public Library staff would like to thank the teens that volunteered their time and talents during the summer reading program and at the Ice Cream Social. Many thanks to the 32 teens who volunteered a grand total of 263 hours!

TEEN READ WEEK October 19 - October 25 SLAMMIN' AT THE LIBRARY Teens in grades 6-12

Stop into the library and celebrate Teen Read Week! Each time you check out materials during Teen Read Week fill out a raffle slip at the circulation desk and you can enter your name into our raffle to win a \$25.00 Barnes and Noble Gift Certificate.

Adult Services Department

FALL 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



Understanding Hormones

Wednesday, October 8
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Over the past year, women's health and hormones have been in the spotlight. Take the time to attend this informative workshop, conducted by Linda Emmerson, RN, and learn: what role hormones play in your body, symptoms of imbalance, natural ways to overcome hormone problems, and much more. A question and answer session will follow.



Manet And The Sea: Voyage To Impressionism

Monday, October 20
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Join us and welcome back Jeff Mishur as he discusses this traveling exhibition which will be at the Art Institute from October 20-January 4, 2004. Through lecture and slides, the audience will discover what inspired Manet to paint marine subjects and how his works influenced later artists.



Europe the Easy Way: Historic London

Thursday, October 23
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Welcome back Al and Gail Popowits as they take you around historic London. During their slide presentation you will see Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, the Tower of London, Madam Tussaud's Wax Works and much more.

Bloomingtondale Historical Society Reflections Program

**Sunday, November 9
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Ms. Janet Gilleland will take us back to the 1890's and early 1900's for a view of what life was like for women who worked. The proper thing for women to do was to get married and raise a family, but teaching was one of the few respectable positions open to women. This dramatic presentation introduces you to a woman, an early 1900's schoolmarm, who has spent the later part of the 1890's maintaining respectability within her community. However, as the new century dawns, she is beginning to have second thoughts.

A pictorial history of the schools of Bloomingtondale will also be available for viewing in the Local History Room in the library. Questions and reservations will be taken at (630) 529-3120 ext. 324.



College Illinois!

A 529 Prepaid Tuition Program

Thursday, November 20
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

In September you had the opportunity to hear about the Illinois State Treasurer's 529 plan to save for college (called Bright Start). Now you will have the chance to compare it to *College Illinois!* which is administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and backed by the state of Illinois. If your children plan to attend college, you'll want to attend this presentation.



Music From The Movies

Sunday, December 14
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Take a break from the hectic pace of the holiday season and enjoy a selection of movie favorites performed by accomplished pianist Eugene Kwok. Music selections include songs from "Gone with the Wind", "Romeo and Juliet" etc. Light refreshments will be served.



Holiday Centerpieces

Tuesday, December 16
10:00 a.m. - Noon

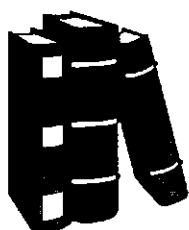
Peggy Garvin, of Garvin Gardens, will show participants how to create their very own centerpieces with various greens, pine cones, ribbons, and candles. Materials will be provided for all participants. This class proved to be VERY popular last year-register early to guarantee a spot! *Bloomingtondale residents will get priority at registration. There is a \$12.50 deposit for this class which will be refunded upon attendance; please register in the Business Office.*

BLOOMINGDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES NEW MEMBERS

The Bloomingtondale Historical Society
would like to invite the public
to attend their general meetings
held on the first Monday of each month
at 7:30 p.m.

Information regarding the
Historical Society's activities
is available and
new members are always welcomed.

Adult Services Department
FALL ADULT PROGRAMS



Announcing . . .

THREE NEW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS!

Beginning in November we are adding a Science Fiction & Fantasy group for all ages which will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Come explore fantasy and science fiction at the library in our new book discussion group. Sign up now at a public service desk or contact Melissa at 630-529-3120 x 315 or mwiller@linc.lib.il.us.

In January, we are adding two more book discussions to our schedule. There will now be a morning session of the existing evening book group that will meet on the third Wednesday morning of the month at 10:00. The group will read popular and classic fiction and nonfiction titles. The first selection will be available in December at the Reference Desk. For more information about the new morning book discussion group, call Julie Keating at 529-3120 x324.

The other new group will be a historical book discussion session in the evening. The group will read historical fiction, biography and nonfiction history books. The focus of the group could be either medieval history or military history. For more information about the evening historical book discussion group, call Annamarie Erickson at 529-3120 x341.

Current **evening group** selections are:

Thursday, October 16, 7:30 p.m. - *Waiting* by Ha Jin

Thursday, November 20, 7:30 p.m. - *Atonement: A Novel* by Ian McEwan

Current **morning group** selections are:

Tuesday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. - *1812* by David Nevin

Tuesday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. - *Fever Season* by Barbara Hambly

Science Fiction selections are:

Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p.m. - *The Family Tree* by Shari S. Tepper

Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. - *Rendezvous with Rama* by Arthur C. Clarke



"Lights, Camera, READ!" Summer Reading Program

This year's 118 adult and 97 teen participants read a total of almost 1000 books. Thanks to all who registered for the program and to our local sponsors who provided many wonderful prizes.

THANK YOU

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to extend a special thank you to Michael and Roberta Ratliff for their generous donation of \$500. The money will be used to purchase books for our business reference area..

PEP Volunteer Program

Join the People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from the College of DuPage as a volunteer classroom aide. Volunteers help adult students learn English as a Second Language (ESL), reading or basic math. Classes meet in Addison, Bensenville, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glendale Heights, Wood Dale and nearby communities. Day and evening assignments are available. The next required 8 hour training series will be volunteers in math - for both English and Spanish GED classes, and ESL (no bilingual skills necessary). Training will take place over two Saturdays: November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., and November 15 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. The deadline for registration is October 31. Please call (630) 942-3788 for more information.

FALL PROGRAMS

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 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 October 1, 2003. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.

Adult Computer Course

Please note: A \$60.00 deposit is required for this course

Monday	October 6	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 7	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday	October 13	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 14	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday	October 20	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 21	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.



Intermediate Internet/Email

Wednesday October 8, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

In this class we'll talk about more advanced topics regarding using an Email account and the internet in general. Techniques such as downloading and creating links will be covered as well as learning to manipulate attachments and address books. (Having taken "Using the Internet" and "Using Email" is recommended.)

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 Access

Monday October 13, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 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.)

Intermediate Access

Monday October 20, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

Computer Lab

FALL PROGRAMS

Databases for Investors

Monday, October 27, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Julie

The Library has recently replaced the ValueLine.com database with the Morningstar.com database. We are offering a hands-on tour of the features of this new product. This user-friendly database includes stock and fund reports, screeners that will help you find the stock or fund that serves your needs, and an extensive Online Investing Classroom that offers self paced courses to help you master stock and fund investing skills. Morningstar.com also offers the Portfolio X-Ray feature that lets you analyze the diversity of your holdings. The features of our Business and Company Resource Center will also be highlighted. No investment advice will be given. Limit 12.

Introduction to the Personal Computer

Tuesday November 4, 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.

Understanding Your Computer 1

Wednesday November 5, 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.)

Introduction to Word

Tuesday November 11, 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.)

Using PowerPoint

Saturday November 15, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

PowerPoint 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.)

Intermediate Word

Monday November 17, 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.)

Windows XP

Monday November 24, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will examine the new features of Windows XP and will also illustrate specific differences between XP and older versions of Windows to help users adapt to the changes. (Having taken "Introduction to the Personal Computer" or equivalent experience is recommended.)



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Everyone is invited to attend the 15th Annual



HALLOWEEN PARTY

at the

Bloomington Public Library
Saturday, October 25, 2003
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by:
The Bloomington Public Library
The Friends of the Library
The Village of Bloomington

The Halloween Party will be held outside under a tent,
rain or shine.

Children are encouraged to wear costumes.

STORYTELLING
GAMES
PRIZES
PUMPKIN MOONWALK
SNAPSHOT PHOTOS (available for \$1.00)
REFRESHMENTS

Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk
at 529-3120 ext. 331 or 332 for more information!



6th Annual

POLAR EXPRESS

Bring the family for a ride on "The Polar Express"*

**based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg*

We'll meet at the Roselle Train Station at

1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7

for a trip to the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).

We'll have a storyteller, treats, caroling,
and a visit with Santa.

Tickets are \$8 for adults;
\$6 for children (eleven and under)

You may purchase tickets in person beginning
Saturday, October 4, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.
at the Library.

PLEASE NOTE: TICKET SALES ARE LIMITED TO
BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS ONLY
(PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED)

Seats are limited for this event.
Groups wishing to sit together will need
to purchase tickets at the same time.



10th Annual

BREAKFAST/BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Pages, the Library Bear is inviting children of all ages and their families to come to the
Bloomington Golf Club for the 10th Annual Breakfast/Brunch with Santa.

Sponsored by the Bloomington Public Library and the Bloomington Golf Club
Held at the Bloomington Golf Club
181 Glen Ellyn Road
in Bloomington

Saturday, December 13

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

(Food will be served from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)

(Activities will be offered from 9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.)

Brunch

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

(Food will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

(Activities will be offered 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.)

Tickets will be available Saturday, October 4th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Library.

The cost of the breakfast is \$11.00 per adult, \$8.00 per child (ages 4-12), and free for kids under age 4 (ticket required). Checks may be made payable to the Bloomington Public Library. Photos with Santa will be \$5.00 each, payable at the breakfast.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SNOWMAN CROSSING



The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale are pleased to announce the Fifth Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree Program. The holiday trees will be displayed along the sidewalk at the Library. Twenty holiday trees will be available. The Library and the Village are inviting community groups, classes and clubs to participate by decorating a tree between November 26 and December 1, 2003. Trees must be completed by Monday, December 1, 2003 for the Library/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. outside the Library.

Trees will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. However, we may limit the number of trees a school or other group can decorate, so all areas of the Village are represented. Each participating group will receive a location map of its tree and a list of the rules and regulations. Once your tree

reservation is received and confirmed, you may begin planning your decorations. There is no required theme. However, there are certain rules:

Decorating may not begin until Wednesday, November 26 and must be completed by Monday, December 1, 2003.

Groups must remove their own ornaments from their tree. Decorations must be removed from the trees between Friday, January 2 and Sunday, January 4, 2004. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2004, all remaining decorations will be removed and discarded from trees in preparation for chipping. Chipped trees are used as mulch throughout the Village. Ornaments will not be saved.

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged decorations.

This event is open to Bloomingdale clubs, groups, and/or classes. The groups must either be from Bloomingdale, or be Bloomingdale residents in order to participate. If groups wish to laminate ornaments, the Library has a laminator available. Please call to reserve a time. If groups wish to have a sponsor, the sponsor may be recognized.

We are very excited about the Fifth Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree program. If you have any questions and/or if you wish to participate, please contact the Business Office at (630) 529-3120.

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale

Cordially invite you to attend our

15th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Open House

**Tuesday, December 2, 2003
6:30-9:00 p.m.**

Activities

6:30-7:00 p.m.

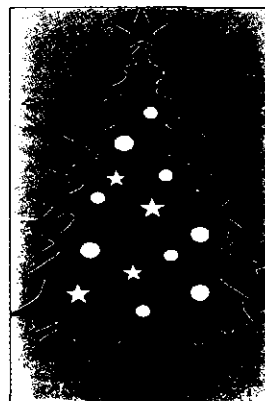
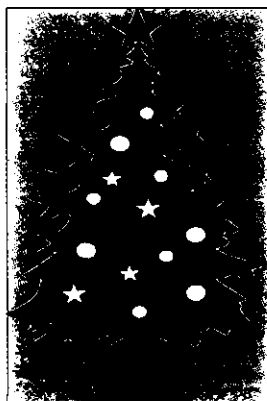
Community/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Various activities:

Children's crafts, musical performers, and refreshments.

Call the Library at (630) 529-3120 for more details.





Don't Miss Out On These Great Fall & Winter Happenings...

CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Celebration Night

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00pm

Celebration Week is October 19-25. Throughout this special week, the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship will be honored. The whole community is invited to Celebration Night in Old Town Park on Tuesday, October 21 for fun and entertainment. School children will perform and Park District tumblers will amaze spectators with a performance honoring each of the pillars. Don't miss this great event and your chance to show your support of the Six Pillars. The fun begins at 7:00pm.



Fall Frenzy

Thursday, October 16, 6:00-8:00pm

Springfield Park

Calling all families: come spend a crisp fall evening in Springfield Park! Celebrate the season by taking a hayride pulled by a tractor and enjoy some fun fall entertainment and snacks by a campfire. Groups are welcome to sign up for the event. Families of four or more are \$14.00, and groups of 14 or more are \$40.00. Register now to come join the fun!

Age: All

Individual Fee: \$4/resident, \$9/nonresident

Dinner with Drac

Monday, October 27, 6:45-8:00pm



Come celebrate Halloween with the zany Wacky Drac as we dine on ghoulish pizza and sip vampire juice. After dinner, Wacky Drac will entertain us with his legendary music and songs and tell you some of his favorite Halloween tales! This is a family event. ALL persons must register.

Ages: All

Fee: \$4/person-resident, \$8/nonresident

Location: Johnston Recreation Center Gym

Halloween Happening

Thursday, October 30, 6:00-8:00pm

Johnston Recreation Center

Kids ages preschool through 6th grade are welcome to join us for the ultimate Halloween experience, our annual Halloween Happening! There will be lots of great ghoulish fun including a castle moonwalk, loads of games and prizes, performances by the crazy and unforgettable Wacky Drac, and who can forget the Trick or Treat Trail? Admission is free; tickets are sold for the haunted house, hayrides, games and moonwalk. Make your Halloween a happening one!

Gift Certificates Now Available!

Looking for the perfect gift? How about a gift certificate to the Bloomingdale Park District? Gift certificates are now available in quantities of \$5, \$10, and \$20 amounts. Purchase them at the front desk for use toward Bloomingdale Park District programs.

Bloomingdale Park District

We're right around the corner!

NEW! Spirit of Christmas Past

Tuesday, December 2, 6:00-8:00pm, Museum

Spend an enchanted evening at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum as we showcase our "Spirit of Christmas Past" holiday exhibit! Enjoy our holiday collections from local artists and collectors on display, and take a charming carriage ride through Old Town Park. Santa from the past will arrive to perform the annual lighting of the Christmas tree in Old Town Park, and then he'll move into the Museum to visit with our guests. Refreshments will be available.



Magic of the Season Holiday Open House

Saturday, Dec. 13, 12:00pm-3:30pm, JRC

Join us for a magical time packed full of special holiday fun! You and your family will walk through our enchanted forest with a magical display of lights, enjoy refreshments, and listen to the strolling Canterbury Carolers! You won't want to miss the spectacular performances of our singing preschoolers, dynamic tumblers, and energetic dancers as well as children's entertainment. Who could forget our special guest...Santa Claus? He will want to visit with all the good boys and girls, so make sure to bring your list, 'cuz Santa will be checking it twice!



Important Dates to Remember:

Score 6 dates: Oct 23, 6:30, Erickson School

Nov 24, 6:30, DuJardin School

Basketball Registration: October 2, 6:00-8:00, JRC

October 14, 6:00-8:00, JRC

YBA Coaches Clinic: October 29, 6:30-9:30, JRC



At the Museum...

Now - October 18

The Culture Club & Bloomingdale Artists VIII

November 8 - December 27

The Spirit of Christmas Past

Opening Reception: November 16, 2-4pm-open to all.
This show features antique toys and Christmas ornaments, Misa Albanese's antique doll collection, quilts, a display by Susan Jankowski of "Treasured Toppers" including vintage hats and clothing, and other historic memorabilia.



Bloomingdale Park District Museum

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Hours: W: 4-8pm; Thurs. & Fri: 10-4pm; Sat: 12-4pm

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