

# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

August 2004



Keep kids safe  
on the Internet  
pages 4 & 5

## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

As this issue goes to press, we're still awaiting August's "dog days" of summer and already we're thinking about our annual end-of-the-summer celebration, "Septemberfest." See pages 6 and 7 to learn more about the attractions and entertainment the Septemberfest Commission has lined up for this year.

A special event taking place at this year's celebration is the dedication of the "Everyday Heroes" statue. This occasion marks the culmination of two years work by the Village's Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee. They began raising funds in the beginning of 2002 for this third statue. The committee decided to make the statue a tribute to the police and fire departments here in Bloomingdale – thus, the "Everyday Heroes" title.

As the location is Old Town Park, the plan was always to unveil the statue at a Septemberfest celebration. Coincidentally, Septemberfest falls on September 11 this year, which will bring special meaning to the day and add to the sentiment behind the statue.

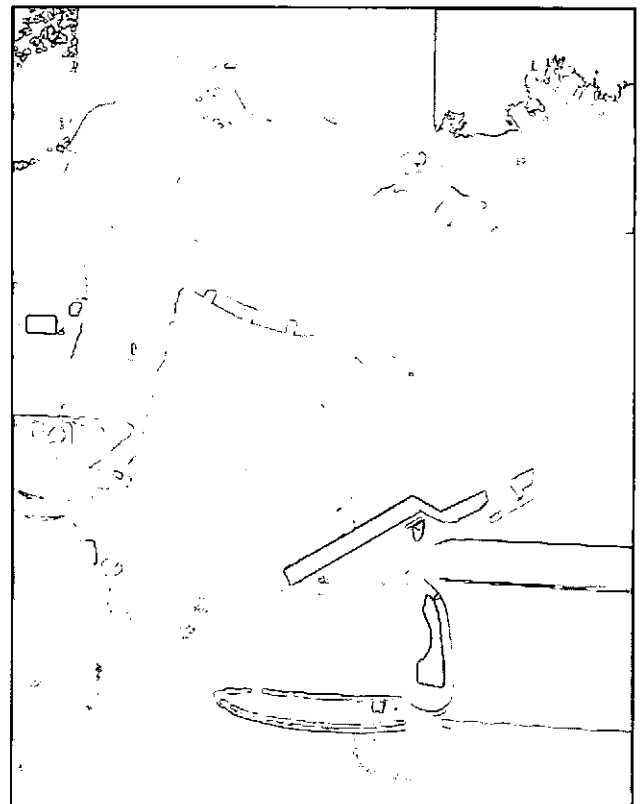
The "Everyday Heroes" statue is an original work by artist Art Myers of Colorado, who also created the "Mayor's Bench" located at the Bloomingdale Golf Course. This sculpture, featuring a fireman and a policeman interacting, is one of very few across the country to combine both figures.

I, along with fellow resident and good friend, Chuck Franzen, made the trip to Loveland, Colorado over the July 4th holiday weekend to bring the statue home to Bloomingdale. We admit we turned a few heads on the interstate with the kneeling figure of the fireman peering over the bed of Chuck's pickup. At every stop on the way home, people asked to take pictures of the figures. We invited them all to the unveiling!

Once again, the statue has been paid for strictly through donations. No tax money has been spent on the project. Engraved bricks will continue to be available at this location for \$100 each. These monies will help complete the landscaping of the statue location.

The unveiling of the statue will take place in a short ceremony at approximately noon following the Septemberfest parade. At this time we are hoping the artist himself might be in attendance to take part as we dedicate the statue to Bloomingdale's everyday heroes.

On Sunday, September 12, the Bloomingdale Historical Society invites all to help them honor some more Bloomingdale heroes. The group will be rededicating four new



It takes a few workers to transfer the 225 pound figure of the police officer.

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## 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

**Bill Bolen**

*Legal & Intergovernmental*

**Robert Czernek**

*Finance & Personnel*

**John Dabrowski**

*Police*

**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:



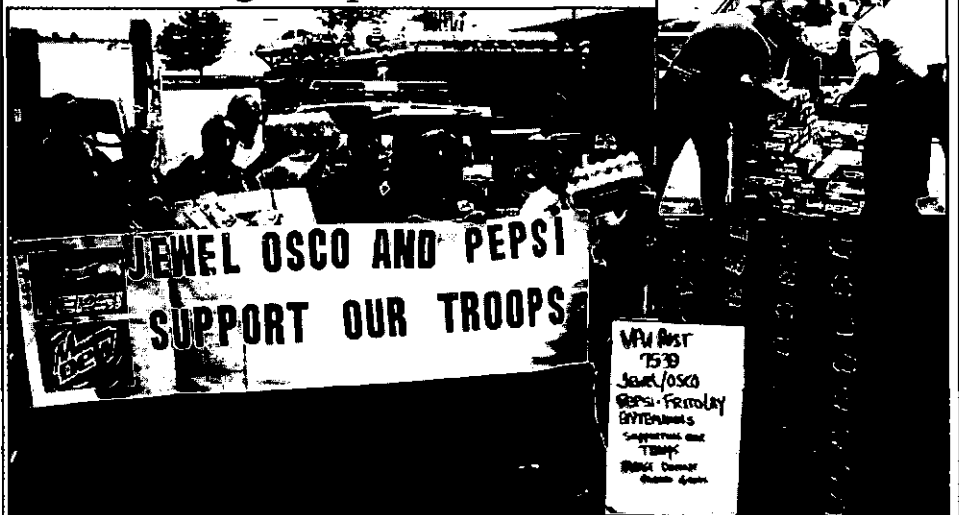
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**The deadline for  
the October issue  
of the  
Almanac is  
SEPTEMBER 10**

## Firefighters Collect Snacks for Returning Troops



Recently Bloomingdale Fire Department Assistant Chief Bill Wolff, and fellow firefighters and Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 members showed up at Tom Hong's Glendale Heights Jewel/Osco with two empty trucks. They were met by Jewel staff members and together they loaded up the beds of both trucks to capacity with 80 cases of Pepsi, 40 cases of assorted Frito-Lay chips, 72 cases of Jewel water, 30 cases of fresh peaches and apples, plus 15 cases of assorted Entenmanns products. The donated goods were delivered to the O'Hare airport USO for some 3000 members of the armed services passing through on their way home from Korea for a two-week leave before shipping out to Iraq.

# DuPage County Begins Army Trail Road Reconstruction; Completion Anticipated in October 2005

The DuPage County Highway Department began Army Trail Road Widening Improvements, from Swift Road to Regency Drive, during the month of July. The expected construction completion date is October 28, 2005.

The project will include:

- ☐ Curb and gutter and enclosed storm drainage system throughout the project.
- ☐ Additional lane in each direction of travel.
- ☐ Widening of the intersection at Glen Ellyn Road.
- ☐ Relocation of existing overhead cables.
- ☐ A median separating east and west traffic.
- ☐ Relocation or adjustment of existing Village water and sanitary sewer lines.
- ☐ Concrete sidewalk or gravel trail on both sides of the road.

The existing pavement will remain and be used as a base for the new road wherever possible. The pavement widening will occur at selected locations where needed for additional lanes. The project will also include new traffic signal equipment locations where signals are presently located.

## Construction Project to be Completed in Four Phases

### Phase One will consist of the following:

- Utility relocations (telephone, electric, CATV, natural gas)
- Squeeze traffic onto south side of Army Trail Road.
- Squeeze traffic onto west side of Glen Ellyn Road.
- Create a work zone on the north side of Army Trail Road and the east side of Glen Ellyn Road.
- Maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction on Army Trail Road.
- Maintain left turn lanes.
- Alternate closure of Creekside Drive and Brookdale Drive while reconstruction takes place at one of these locations.

### Phase Two will consist of the following:

- Squeeze traffic onto the north side of Army Trail Road.
- Squeeze traffic onto east side of Glen Ellyn Road.
- Create a work zone on the south side of Army Trail Road and the west side of Glen Ellyn Road.
- Maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction.
- Maintain left turn lanes.

### Phase Three - Army Trail Road Median Construction:

- Construction of barrier medians to divide road and permanent left turn lanes.
- Left turn lanes will be maintained at selected locations.
- Left turns will be permanently prohibited at Harvard Lane and Brookdale Drive.

### Phase Four - Landscaping

- Restoration of disturbed areas adjacent to the roadway.



## Here's what residents, businesses need to know about Army Trail Road reconstruction

### Residential Report

The Village of Bloomingdale Engineering Division and DuPage County Department of Transportation will continue to monitor traffic patterns to ensure construction traffic delays are minimized and alternative routes are well-planned and maintained throughout the project. However, residents in close proximity to the construction may see heavier traffic due to the construction.

### Local Business Report

The Village of Bloomingdale is providing sign ordinance accommodations for all businesses fronting Army Trail Road and Glen Ellyn Road north and south of Army Trail Road during the Army Trail Road construction. Please contact the Village of Bloomingdale Building & Zoning Division at (630) 671-5660 for further details.

### Relevant Information

The DuPage County Highway Department contact is Kent Kuper, Senior Civil Engineer (630) 682-7318. Construction information will be available on the DuPage County website at [www.co.dupage.il.us](http://www.co.dupage.il.us)

To be placed on the County email distribution list, please contact Kent Kuper, project engineer via email @ [Kent.Kuper@dupageco.org](mailto:Kent.Kuper@dupageco.org)

**WELCOME**  
Bloomington is a  
**CRIME WATCH**  
**COMMUNITY**



We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our police department

## Parents: Here's How to be Web Savvy to Help Keep Kids Safe as They Surf the Internet

The Internet has opened up the world to anyone with access to a computer and an online connection. Children and teenagers can greatly benefit from the Internet, but they also run the risk of becoming a target for crime and exploitation. Trusting, curious and anxious to explore the world

via the Internet, children and teenagers need parental supervision and "Rules of the Road" to safely travel the information superhighway.

The use of the Internet by children and young adults may increase during the summer months since they have more available free time and they may be particularly at risk because they often use the computer unsupervised. Children may encounter areas exposing them to material of a sexual or violent nature, or areas visited by child sex offenders looking for their next target. Teenagers are more likely to participate in online discussions regarding companionship, relationships or sexual activity. Both children and teenagers run the risk of being tricked or harassed once they come into contact with the wrong person on the Internet.

### For Adults:

The following is information that parents need to know to be Web Savvy:

- ☐ Keep the computer in a family room, kitchen, or another area where you can monitor its use.
- ☐ Limit your child's time online, just like you do their television viewing. They need a balance of activities in their lives.
- ☐ Take time to teach your children how to use the computer responsibly.
- ☐ After setting up rules for using the Internet, discuss them with your children. Post them near the computer as a reminder.
- ☐ Ask about your child's online friends, so you know with whom they are communicating.
- ☐ Discuss the difference between advertising and educational information. Explain by showing examples of each.
- ☐ Many Internet providers offer parental controls with their service. Use them to keep children away from undesirable sites.
- ☐ Report anything that gets by parental controls and let your Internet service provider know what you expect to keep kids safe.

☐ Learn all you can about Internet security software that blocks and filters undesirable information.

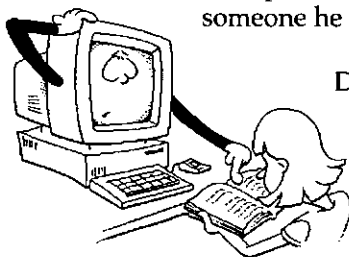
☐ Check out the World Wide Web for organizations that represent children's rights. Do a search using keywords such as "Internet safety for kids," and your browser will take you there. Many have newsletters you can download to keep you updated on the latest Internet information.

### For Kids/Young Adults:

☐ It's cool to talk with other kids and visit interesting sites on the Internet, but here are some things you should know to keep you safe while you're having fun.

☐ Remember never to give out personal information on the Internet. Don't share your real name, phone number, address, password, where you live, where you go to school, or anything about your family.

☐ It's best not to talk to strangers – just like when you're at the park or in a store. Someone may pretend to be someone he or she is not.



Don't agree to meet anyone you've talked to online. Tell your parents if an online friend wants to get together, so your parents know all about it.

If you fill out a personal profile that other kids can read online, don't write anything that says too much about you. You may think only your friends can see it, but strangers can find out about you, too.

Don't write back to flames (people who use bad language or want to get into an argument online).

Log off immediately if you see or read something that upsets you. Tell your parents or a teacher if something like that happens.

Protect your password. No one should ever ask you for it for any reason.

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# Keep Kids Safe as They Surf the Internet

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Don't buy anything over the Internet without your parent's approval. Don't give out a credit card number without your parent's knowledge.

Never send pictures over the Internet unless your parents know about it.

Ask your parent's permission to visit a chat room.

Parents, teach your children not to respond to messages or bulletin board items that are suggestive, threatening or that make them feel uncomfortable. Urge them to inform you of any inappropriate material they may discover on the Internet. If your child encounters such material, forward a copy of the Web site address to your Internet service provider and request their assistance in the matter. If you or your children find a site for child pornography online, report it to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 800-843-5678.

The Internet can be a great source of information and worldwide resources, but there are dangers for children and teenagers who use the Internet. Parental supervision and online rules can greatly reduce the risks associated with children's use of the Internet.

Any questions about this information or other crime prevention materials, please contact Detective Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

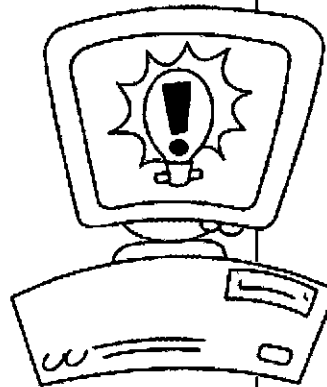
## Neighborhood Watch: Street Smart Seniors & Citizens Police Academy

For several years the Bloomingdale Police Department has offered opportunities for residents to become better acquainted with the various areas of law enforcement and to gain insight into the elements of police work. The Citizen Police Academy does just that, as well as to 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 Citizen Police Academy meets Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. beginning September 9th through November 18th, 2004. The academy is divided into five and six-week sessions, with the various topics divided between the two. Among the subjects covered are Gang Awareness, Drug Identification, Crime Scene Processing, and a Tour of the DuPage County Crime Lab. Residents may sign up for one or both sessions. The academy is free and is taught by our own professional police officers who are specialists in the various areas.

Street Smart Seniors is a similar program, which focuses on the needs and concerns of today's senior citizens. The Street Smart Seniors Program meets Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to Noon beginning September 8 through October 20th, 2004. Among the topics addressed are Diversionary Thefts (Scams), Gang and Drug Awareness, Elder Abuse and Personal Safety.

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



**WELCOME**  
Bloomingdale is a  
**CRIME WATCH**  
**COMMUNITY**



We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our police department

**21st National Night Out  
Against Crime**  
**Tuesday, August 3**  
**6:00-9:00 PM**

**Bloomingdale  
Park District  
172 S. Circle**

Meet other active residents and create partnerships with your neighbors and Village agencies to work together in maintaining the quality of life in this community.

Food will be provided free of cost 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. The pool is open to all attending event. Organized games and prizes are scheduled. Please consider joining us for this free, fun family event and help us give crime a going away party.



## The Septemberfest/ Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship Deadline is August 15

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship (formerly the Mr. & Ms. Bloomingdale Scholarship), will once again be offered in conjunction with Septemberfest. Over the past 31 years, this scholarship fund has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Community service has played a large part in the lives of past scholarship winners.

Bloomingdale residents between the ages of 16 and 20 may pick up an application form at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road or the Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. This packet is also available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at: [www.vil.bloomingdale.il.us](http://www.vil.bloomingdale.il.us). For more information, call Irene Jones at 671-5610.

Winners will be announced at the 32nd Septemberfest on Saturday, September 11, 2004. If chosen, attendance to receive your award is mandatory. Scholarships are limited to future tuition, books, and fees.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than August 15, 2004. Any application postmarked after that date will not be considered.

## SIGN UP FOR SEPTEMBERFEST'S UNIQUE CAR SHOW IN THE EVENING AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW IN THE AFTERNOON!

Bring your unique or one-of-a-kind car or motorcycle to celebrate the 32nd annual Septemberfest. The motorcycle show will run Saturday, September 11, 2004 from

3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and the car show will run from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m. in Bloomingdale Old Town, Third and Franklin Streets. Due to space limitations, both shows are limited to 50 vehicles each. You will receive written confirmation of your participation. Call Mark Garrison at 630-688-8428 for the motorcycle show and Gloria Tomaras at 630-980-8176 for the car show. There is NO ENTRANCE FEE.



### Support the 32nd 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 Bloomingdale residents between the ages of 16 and 20. 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 2004 to: Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

## 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 11.

Join the Bloomingdale Chamber, Bloomingdale Township, scouts, cheerleaders, Septemberfest Commission, Lake Park Lancettes and the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition as they march. Call Debby at 762-1125 for more information and/or an application.



### Want to Take Part?

There are still openings for not-for-profit groups and crafters to participate in the event, scheduled for 11 am to 11 pm on Saturday, September 11. Call Pam Hager at 529-4232 or the Village Hall at 671-5614.

# Septemberfest 2004 -- 32 Outstanding Years of Celebration!

By Sandy Raucci

Need a great way to end the summer? Well we have it, come to Septemberfest in Bloomingdale Old Town on Saturday September 11, 2004. We hope you, your family and friends, can join us for an entire day of fun and entertainment.

We will start off with the Annual Septemberfest Parade, which grows bigger every year. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. leaving from DuJardin School on Euclid and heading north on Euclid to Schick Road, then west on Schick Road into Old Town. There are assorted floats, bands, and groups already lining up for the parade, but there's always room for more. If you would like to participate, please contact Debby at 630-762-1125 for all the information.

When the parade finishes up in Old Town, you will be greeted by a day filled with assorted entertainers. Magic Matt takes the stage at 1:00 p.m. The kids are going to love this Magician and Balloon Artist. We also have Susan Spriggs coming, a face painter who stands out in her field for her one-of-a-kind creations.

As always, we are planning great music. Some of the bands are: Tribute, playing at 3:30 p.m., and The Park District's Battle of the Bands Winners - Prfic Tazk (Perfect Task) playing at 5:30 p.m. and In Red, playing at 6:00 p.m. Finishing up will be Hi Infidelity at 7:30 p.m. There will be other stage performances throughout the day.

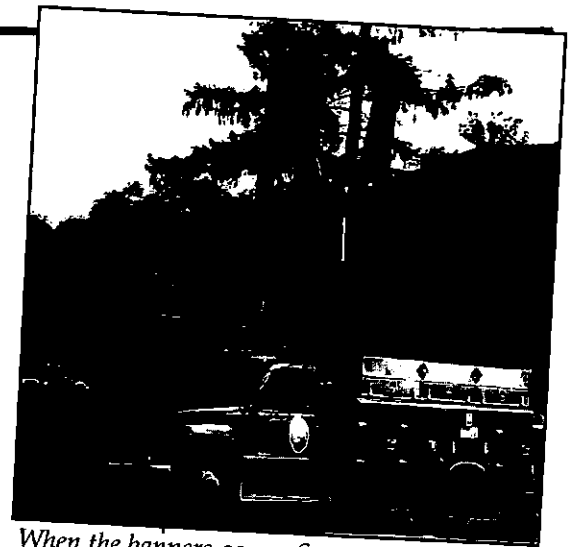
And of course, there will be arts and crafts for sale, as well as plenty of tasty treats for any appetite and refreshments to cool you down. For information on getting a craft or food booth, call Lori at 671-5614.

The Motorcycle Show runs from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and of course, we will still have the Unique Car Show Contest from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m. For information on taking part in either of these, see page 6.

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship Contest winners will be announced at 5:30 p.m. This scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. So Thank You to all who have given so far. If you would like to help, please consider becoming a "Friend of Septemberfest". Your name will be listed on signs posted throughout the fest as a donor and your charitable contribution will always be remembered in helping young lives create a future for themselves. You can find a form on page 6.

Be sure to make plans to be a part of Septemberfest 2004. It promises to be a most enjoyable time for everyone. Hope to see you there! For the latest updates, call the Septemberfest Hotline at 671-5680.

Hope to see you there!



*When the banners go up, Septemberfest can't be far away!*



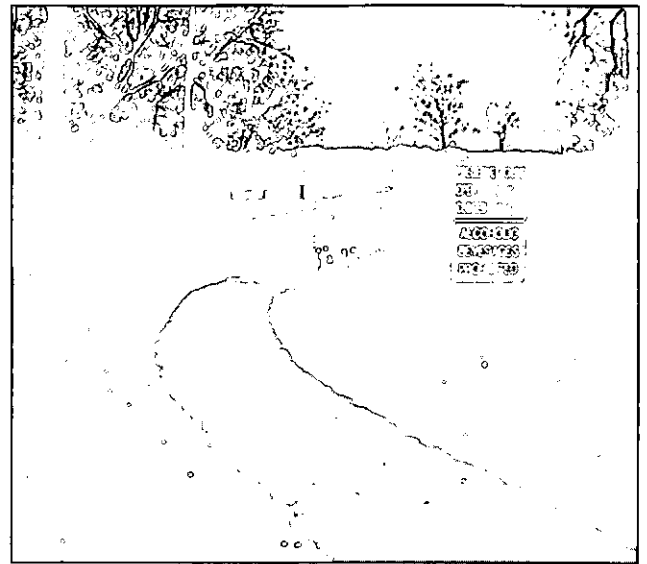
## Recreation Path Construction Underway

The Village has been working on final plans for a recreational trail to connect Meacham Grove Forest Preserve on Circle Avenue north of Lake Street to the Lake Street Reservoir Forest Preserve on the north side of Lake Street at Glen Ellyn Road. This trail was a part of the Village-wide Trail Plan adopted in 1997. A grant to help fund the construction costs for the project was secured from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

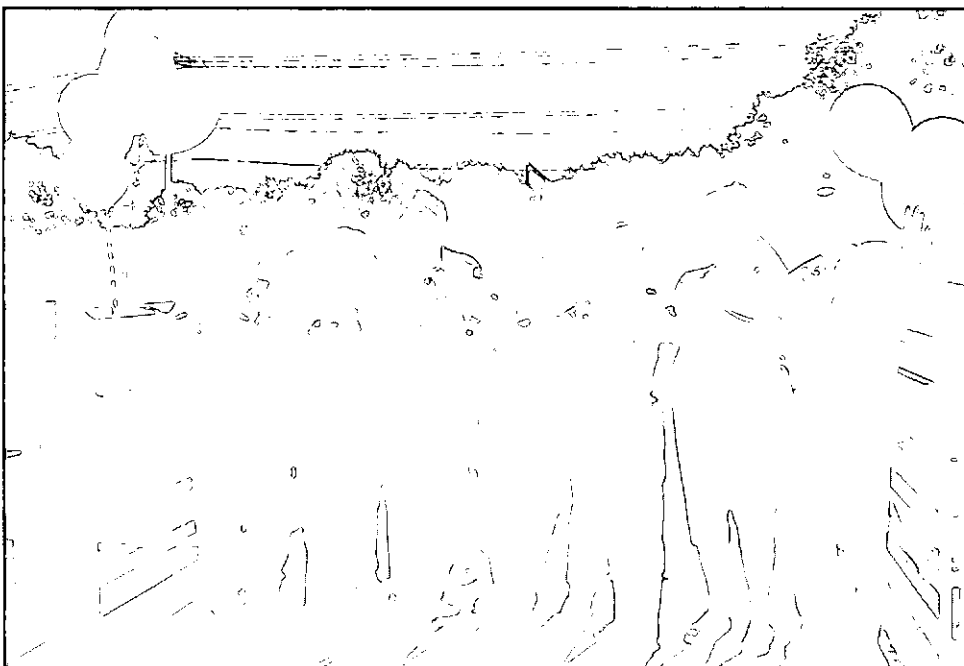
The trail to link the forest preserves is approximately 3,600 feet in length. Plans are available to review at the Village Services Department in the Village Hall. The trail will be 10 feet wide, paved in asphalt. The route will begin at the Meacham Grove Forest preserve entrance on Circle Avenue, and will progress east on the existing pavement of Spring Valley Drive. A portion of the trail will be located on the Village lots (presently vacant) at the east end of Spring Valley Drive at Pleasant Avenue.

The remaining sections will progress south and east across vacant portions of property to the intersection of Glen Ellyn Road and Lake Street. Trail users can then enter the Forest Preserve or use the pedestrian activated push buttons to cross Lake Street and Glen Ellyn Roads to use the Bloomingdale Golf Club perimeter trail. This trail is scheduled to be completed in Late Spring or Early Summer 2005.

Final plans have also been prepared to complete the remaining section of the Bloomingdale Golf Club perimeter trail between Carriage Way and Ironwood Drive. This section will extend the existing 10-foot wide paved trail, completing the loop around the Golf Course, approximately 2.2 miles in length. This section should be completed in late Fall 2004.



*Entryway to the Lake Street Reservoir Forest Preserve at Glen Ellyn Road.*



*Bloomingdale Trustee Jim Gebis, Mayor Bob Iden, State Representative Carole Pankau, Forest Preserve president Dewey Pierotti, Roselle Trustee Joe Devlin (behind Pierotti), Stephanie Jenisch, County Board members Roger Jenisch and Yolanda Campuzano, Roselle Mayor Gayle Smolinski and County Board member Roger Kotecki all cut the ribbon for the official opening of the recreational path bridge over Bloomingdale Road, which connects east and west Meacham Grove Forest Preserves.*



## Mayor's Column

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headstones for Civil War soldiers who are buried in St. Paul's/ Evergreen cemetery on Lake Street. The half-hour ceremony will take place at the cemetery at 2 p.m. and will include Civil War re-enactors and featured speaker Abraham Lincoln (Max Daniels). For more information, see page 14.

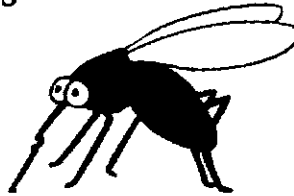
On September 13, the Society will also formally thank sponsors who have helped to obtain the pension records and new headstones for the Civil War veterans. Details on this reception are also on page 14.

Please join us on both September 11 & 12 for a memorable, hometown weekend celebrating our heroes past and present.

## Mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus

Clarke Mosquito Control reminds residents to follow these simple tips to help protect against infection and assist in the fight against West Nile Virus:

- ☐ Inspect all window and door screens to be sure they're "bug tight".
- ☐ Stay indoors at the times when mosquitoes are most prevalent: morning, dusk, and early evening. When you are outdoors, cover up with long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.
- ☐ Use insect repellents. Repellents deter mosquitoes from biting when applied properly to exposed skin and clothing. Apply mosquito repellent with DEET in accordance with label directions.



For the latest information on West Nile Virus, consult the Illinois Department of Health website at [www.idph.state.il.us](http://www.idph.state.il.us), or DuPage County Health Department website at [www.dupagehealth.org](http://www.dupagehealth.org).

Residents who find a blue jay or crow that appears to have died as a result of natural causes should contact Public Works Maintenance at 630-671-5800. We will assist residents in retrieval of dead blue jays and crows and provide notification to the DuPage County Health Department. We regret that we are unable to assist in the disposal of any other dead birds.

## Trees & Pests

### Emerald Ash Borer Alert

As the Emerald Ash Borer draws nearer – infestations have been found in Michigan and Indiana – homeowners are cautioned not to bring plants and firewood home after summer vacation. The Emerald Ash Borer can travel in nursery stock or in firewood.

The adult Emerald Ash Borer is slender, elongated and 7.5 to 13.5 mm long, brassy or golden green overall, with darker, metallic, emerald green wing covers. Photos and additional information can be found at the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service web site [www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab/index.html](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab/index.html). Possible sightings should be reported to the USDA hotline number – 312-742-3385.

### Gypsy Moth Update

The Illinois Department of Agriculture will continue its monitoring program in an effort to reduce and control the spread of the Gypsy Moth. More information is available at [www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/gypsymoth](http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/gypsymoth).

## A word about yellow ribbons and grow room for trees

Just a note to residents who have yellow ribbons surrounding tree trunks on their property – since the ribbons have been on the trees for more than a year now, our forester asks if residents can please re-tie the ribbons a little looser to give the trees some growing room.

They do not need to be removed, just re-tied with a little slack.



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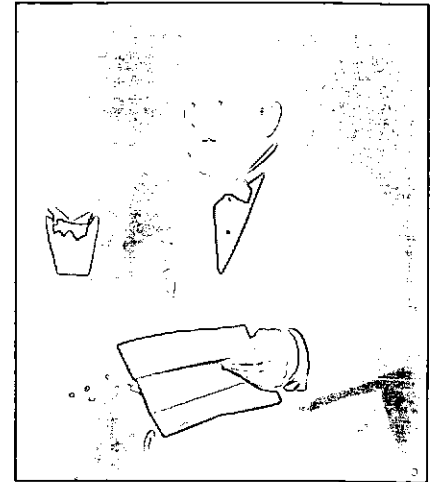
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## Acker Named Marklund's Friend of the Year

Each year Marklund Charities honors a "Friend of the Year," who has demonstrated in his/her own way, publicly or privately, a heart of gold and the willingness to serve Marklund's infants, children and adults in ways that will affect their lives significantly, now and in the future.

Earlier this year resident Kevin Acker of West Suburban Bank earned that honor. He has been a supporter of Marklund for over 20 years, the first time as a Bloomingdale Lion, which marked the beginning of that club's long-standing tradition of support.

Kevin has continued his support of Marklund through attendance at events, participation in fundraising events and underwriting projects. According to Jeannine Zupo, spokesperson for Marklund, "Kevin is always interested in how things are going and genuinely cares about those we serve. We cherish his longevity, history of giving, both in-kind and monetary, as well as bringing new people into the fold."



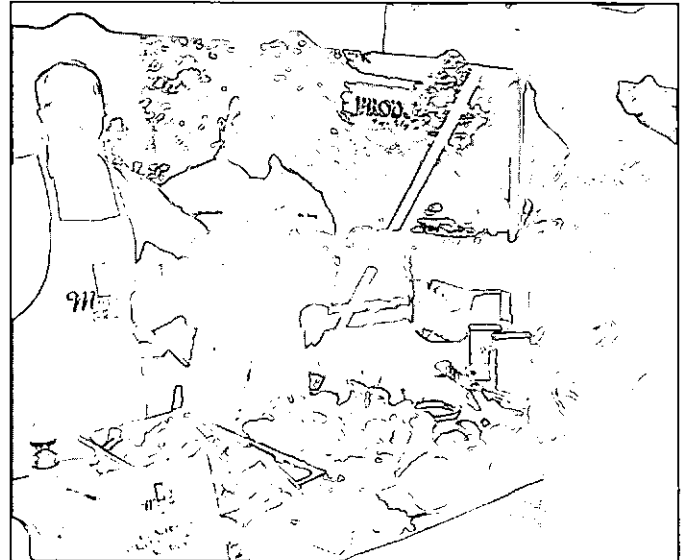
Kevin Acker

## Masters of the Grille

Hundreds of local people attended the charity event where 10 Levy chefs competed for the "Grille Master Award." The winner of the Masters of the Grille was Levy Chef David Johnson from Indian Lakes Resort's Sedona Grille. A \$500 donation was made to Marklund Charities in his name.



Mayor Robert Iden (above left) serves a grilled blue Hawaiian king prawn to a guest at the Masters of the Grille with Indian Lakes Executive Chef Eric Kelly watching closely. The dynamic duo of Iden and Kelly were the winners of last year's Grille Master award but were dethroned this year by the resort's Sedona Grille restaurant chef, David Johnson, who served up tandoorie lamb chops to guests.



Police Chief Gary Schira (above right) is served a turkey burger by Daily Herald DuPage Editor Jim Davis while Levy Restaurant Chef Nick Ramirez from Mrs. Levy's Delicatessen at the Sears Tower looks on in the background.

Indian Lakes Resort has instituted a new "Good Neighbor" program card that offers discounts from five to 60 percent on golf, same day rooms, Spa Vargas, dining in Masters Clubhouse, as well as dinner, Sunday and holiday brunches in Sedona Grille. Unlike other hotel programs, the Good Neighbor discount card is free. For more information call 529-0200.

## And the Scholarship Winners Are . . .

Congratulations go out to a number of young people who have received scholarships from local organizations.

Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award winners are Glenbard North graduates Anthony Cheung who plans on a career in mechanical engineering and will attend DePaul University and Henrik Lomotan who will attend University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study computer engineering. Thomas Williams, who is currently working on his Masters of Library and Information Science at Dominican University, received the third Chamber scholarship.



*Scholarship winners Anthony Cheung, Thomas Williams, and Henrik Lomotan*

Five scholarships have been awarded to Lake Park High School graduates who have attended School District 13 through Dujardin and Erickson school PTOs, Westfield Middle School's student-teacher-parent organization, and Westfield teacher Jay Perkins.

Katherine O'Rourke, who plans to attend Notre Dame and wants to become a pediatrician, received a \$500 scholarship from DuJardin's PTO. Troy Murray was chosen to receive the \$500 scholarship from Erickson's PTO. He will attend the University of Illinois, majoring in journalism or education. Murray also garnered a \$500 Bloomington Women's Club (BWC) scholarship.

Two \$750 scholarships were awarded this year by Westfield Middle School's student-teacher-parent organization; the additional scholarship was presented in memory of STP Vice President Lisa Loquercio. Stacy Skotzko will attend Miami University in Ohio where she plans to major in Speech Communications and minor in German, and possibly theatre. Cassandra Liska plans to attend either Texas A&M University or Illinois State University, majoring in Business Education. She also earned the other \$500 scholarship from the BWC.

Sara Redini was awarded a \$750 scholarship given by Westfield social studies teacher Jay Perkins in memory of his late wife, Patti. Redini plans to major in Elementary Education at North Central College.

## Military Notes

Cadet Christopher Bahr, son of residents William and Mary Bahr, was selected for the Dean's List for the Spring semester at the U.S. Military Academy. The 2003 Lake Park alumnus plans to graduate in 2007 from West Point and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Eric Page, son of Ed and Kathy Page, has been accepted to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The 2004 Lake Park graduate said he always wanted to be in the military and the events of September 11 gave him the desire to do something about it. Robert Nihells, Eric's track & football coach praised Eric saying, "He is a team player and always puts the team in front of himself."

Another Bloomington 2004 Lake Park graduate, Tyler Dailey, son of Sherri and Glenn Dailey, was accepted to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Dailey said for as long as he can remember, he has wanted to be in the Air Force. Dan Colucci, Tyler's baseball coach noted "He's got inner desire to be his best, and that's what makes him special."



10-year old Alexa Panicola demonstrates her grace on ice at The Edge Ice Arena. Alexa is the granddaughter of residents Sodie and Lucille Panicola.

Around & About Town

# Community Events Community Events

## Golf, Golf and More Golf!

August must be the month for golf outings. Here's three in a row. The **Western Dupage Special Recreation Association Foundation** is planning its 10th annual Women's Golf Outing on Thursday, August 5 at the Naperville Golf Course in Naperville. Call 681-0962 or log on to [www.wdsra.com](http://www.wdsra.com) for further information.

The **Bloomington Lions** hold their golf outing on Friday, August 6. Lunch begins at noon followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. at Bloomington Golf Club. Cash prizes will be awarded based on a 4-person "Peoria" net score. Raffle prizes will also be awarded. For more information, call Rob Pauling at 652-2592. Proceeds from the outing go to raise funds for the sight and hearing impaired in the community.

The **Bloomington Chamber of Commerce** hosts the Cross-Town Classic Golf Outing on Wednesday, August 25 featuring a little Sox vs Cubs rivalry. The annual event takes place on Blackhawk Trace Golf Course at Indian Lakes. Registration begins at 10 a.m., followed by a hot dog lunch, then a shotgun start at noon. Register for golf, or just for dinner following golf. Call 980-9082 or visit [www.BloomingtonChamber.com](http://www.BloomingtonChamber.com) for all the details.

## Community Blood Drive at Church of the Incarnation September 18

The **Episcopal Church of the Incarnation** will host a community blood drive through LifeSource on Saturday, September 18th at the church, 261 Army Trail Road from 9 am to 3 p.m. Appointments are recommended in order to accommodate your schedule. For more information call the church, 630-351-3249.

## Historical Society Attic Sale Set for September 9 & 10

The\* **Bloomington Historical Society\*** holds its fall\* **Attic Sale\*** on Thursday and Friday, September 9 & 10 at the Old Village Hall, 108 W. Lake Street from 9 - 5 p.m. Fifty percent of the proceeds of the sale are earmarked for the restoration of the old Village Hall. Donations for the sale will be accepted at the old Village Hall on September 4th, 10am - 1pm and Tuesday, September 7, 10am - 3pm. For large or heavy items call Bonnie at 582-8101.

## 'Bambi' Premier Ballet at Hemmens Cultural Center August 6-8

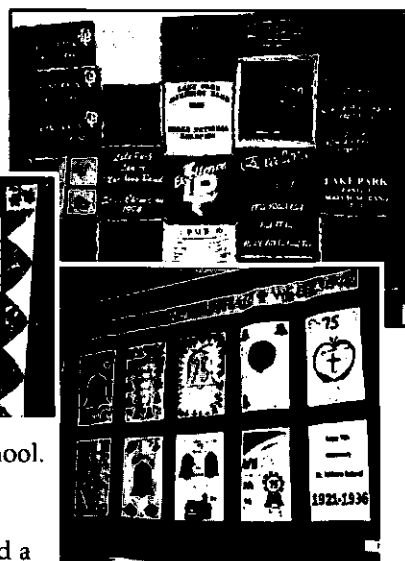
The **Ballet Theatre of Chicago** presents the United States ballet premier of Bambi August 6 - 8 at the Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin. Staging and choreography is by Avnun Yakubov, director of Yakubov's Ballet Cultural Arts Center, 223 E. Army Trail Road. For ticket info, contact the Hemmens box office at 847-931-5900 or [www.cityofelgin.org/hemmens/](http://www.cityofelgin.org/hemmens/)

## Five Star Performing Arts Community Hosting Auditions

**Five Star Performing Arts Community** will be auditioning adults, 18 yrs. and older, for a light comedy production, *The Odd Couple*, to be staged September 24, 25 and 26 at The Barn in Roselle. Cold-read auditions from the script will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 4 in the Maple Room at the Roselle Clauss Recreation Center, 555 Bryn Mawr Avenue in Roselle. All levels or experience are welcome. Audition results will determine whether the production will feature male or female leads. For more information, contact Joan Stinton at 630-250-7938 or email [fivestar\\_pac@hotmail.com](mailto:fivestar_pac@hotmail.com)

## Quilts on Display

Historic, contemporary and family quilts and Bloomington churches are featured now through November 1 at the Bloomington Local History Room at the Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Pictured are a Lake Park quilt by Sue Wigg, a fall quilt by Irene Jones and a quilt from the 75th anniversary of St. Isidore School.



Speaking of quilts, beginning September 11, the National Quilt Show from the Ohio Dairy Barn and a Fabric Art Show from local artists will be the featured exhibits at the Bloomington Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomington Road. Hours during the show are...Wednesday 4-8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10-4 p.m. and Sat. noon to 4 p.m.

# Community Events Community Events

## Villagers Club Hosts Ice Cream Social on August 24

The Villagers Club of Bloomingdale invites all area women to an ice cream social on Tuesday, August 24 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. to meet members and explore the club's activities. The Villagers are a social and philanthropic organization. Last year their generosity touched Leader Dogs for the Blind, MYMS benefiting single moms, DuPage Community Clinic benefiting women in the community, as well as Humanitarian Services benefiting senior citizens. Bloomingdale Township, Library and Park District have also benefited from the charitable support of the Villagers.

The Villagers meet the first Thursday of the month on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Some of the upcoming programs are September 2, "Never Judge a Book by its Cover," - Suzanne Hale's live presentation of a delightfully cunning female detective from the novel *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*;

November 4, Rosanne's Holiday Cooking Demo (from Rosanne's Catering in Bloomingdale); and February 3, Healthy Lifestyle by "Curves." For more information call Carol Fortier at 469-2403 or Bette Torpe at 924-6861.



## Women's Club -- a Great Place to Meet Your Neighbors!

The Bloomingdale Women's Club is looking for women of all ages, married and single who are interested in enriching their lives through meeting new people by getting involved with community service and social activities. Give a helping hand to make a difference in our community because you care. Come check us out. Our meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of the month on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library. For more information please call Violette at 894-6783.

Watch for the BWC at the Septemberfest celebration - kid's games, hair braiding, cook books and more.

## Bloomingdale A.A.R.P. Upcoming Events

"Yes, Virginia, Bloomingdale does have a chapter of A.A.R.P." The members meet once a month at the Bloomingdale Township Senior Center, 6 N 050 Rosedale Road (just north of Lake Street). The Friday, August 20 meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. and features Dennis & Ruth Gibson, family consultants. The couple will demonstrate that, "Laughter is Good Medicine," as they share humorous stories from their personal experiences.

The September 17th meeting will feature speakers Martha & Swede Roskam with their poignant story of "The Long Journey Home of Thirty-Seven American Dog Tags from Vietnam." This meeting also begins at 10:30 a.m.

For more information call Frank Salvino, the president of Bloomingdale Chapter 5254 at 893-0788.

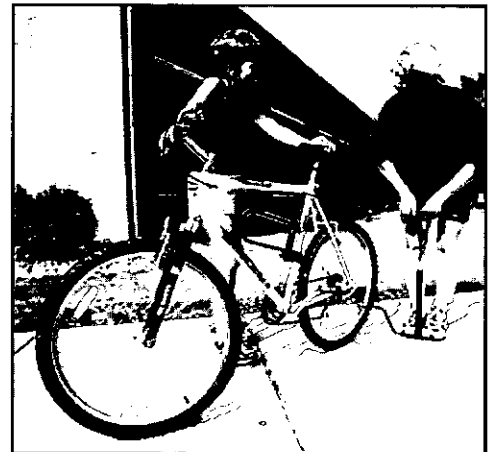
## St. Isidore Parishioners Tell Pastor to 'Go Jump in the Lake!'

"Go jump in the lake" St. Isidore parishioners in Bloomingdale told their 60 year-old pastor, Rev. Tony Taschetta, and he replied "no problem, but it will cost you!"

Thus was born the Trinity Triathlon and the creation of a new Education Endowment Fund that will benefit religious formation of all ages at St. Isidore, one of the Joliet Diocese's largest parishes.

Associate pastor, Rev. Felipe Legarreta and the parish's director of youth ministry, Andrea Gallo, will be joining Fr. Taschetta to form "Team Trinity" that will be swimming, biking and running in the Accenture Chicago Triathlon world's largest triathlon along Lake Michigan.

Pledges from \$25 up to \$4,000 are being accepted to begin funding the endowment. For more information or to learn about the benefits from the various sponsorships, call the church office at 529-3045.



"Getting Pumped Up For The Triathlon." Fr. Tony Taschetta pumps up Andrea's tire.

## CHARACTER COUNTS! Sponsoring Charity Walk On October 19

Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition wants to help the community. In recognition of CHARACTER COUNTS! National Celebration Week, October 17-24, 2004, the Bloomingtondale Coalition will be sponsoring a Charity Walk and Celebration Program on Tuesday, October 19, 2004.

The event will take place at Bloomingtondale Old Town Park at Franklin and Third streets from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The charity receiving the donations will be chosen through an essay contest open to students in grades 3-8 in Bloomingtondale schools.

Prior to the event the Coalition will be raising money for the chosen charity. The money collected will be presented during the program on October 19. Luminary bags representing each donation will light the Charity Walk pathway, kicking off the evening's program. The more donations received, the longer the path will be.



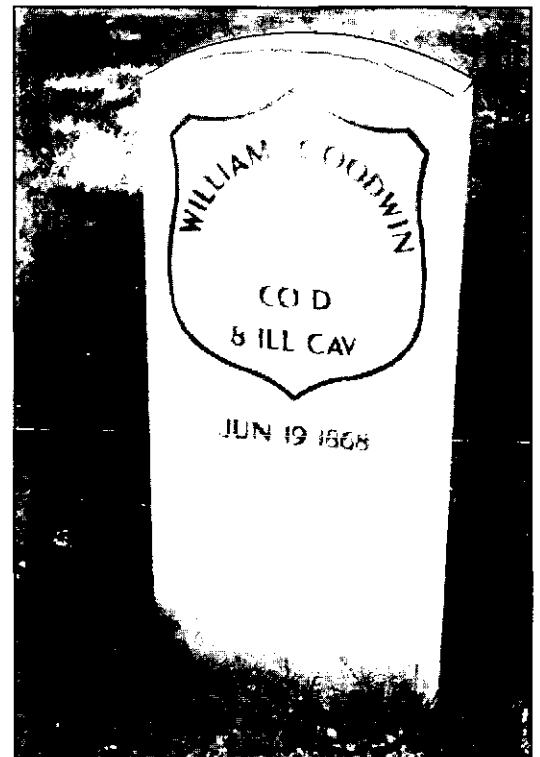
The evening, which is open to all area community members will also include presentations of youth character awards, proclamations from community organizations and entertainment by Bloomingtondale youth groups.

## Civil War Re-enactors to Highlight Rededication of Civil War Gravestones on September 12

The formal rededication of four new headstones for Civil War soldiers obtained by the Bloomingtondale Historical Society will take place at 2:00 PM on Sunday September 12 in Bloomingtondale St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street. President Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by Max Daniels, will be the featured speaker.

The 1st Illinois Light Artillery will provide the cannon salute in honor of all Civil War soldiers buried in the cemetery. Civil War re-enactors will serve as honor guards and will also visit with interested parties after the ceremony. As seating for the half-hour ceremony is limited, lawn chairs are encouraged. For more information please contact Kandy Jones at the Bloomingtondale Public Library - 529-3120.

The Bloomingtondale Historical Society also invites you to attend a reception to honor the "Sponsor a Soldier" donors on Monday September 13, from 7 to 9:00 PM at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingtondale Road. Meet President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln (Max & Donna Daniels). The donors helped the Society obtain pension records and new headstones for Civil War veterans buried in St. Paul cemetery. Refreshments will be served.



## AN OPEN LETTER OF THANKS...

Family Fest was held on June 24, 25, 26 and 27. The whole event ran smoothly and this was due to the fine planning, cooperation, and hard work of a number of individuals who deserve special recognition for their almost year around work on the Fest. We would like to thank the following individuals who served on this year's Family Fest Committee:

Milton Clark  
Allison Dasbach  
Julie Deeke  
Guy Sanalidro  
Dennis Szafran  
Kurt Willer  
Sandy Raucci, Recording Secretary  
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Asst. Chief David Christensen, Fire Department Liaison  
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Additional acknowledgements are in order for:

Dennis Szafran, Ed Lewen and the staff of the Public Works Department, who did a wonderful job setting up the Fest site and making sure the grounds were in great shape during and after the Fest; Sgt. Rich Blair and the staff of the Police Department for the fine job done with security during the Fest; and finally, the Board and staff of the Bloomingdale Public Library for their cooperation and assistance in the preparations for this event.

The many volunteers who helped out on-site in the Information Tent and with Glowstick Sales:

Katie Cairns, Peggy Carlson, Daniella Cataldo, Sam D'Amico, Sandy Dauber, Patty Eagleton, Sara Eagleton, Carol Enciso, Ed Enciso, Judy Gedrimas, Erin Hartnett, Peg Hartnett, Kandy Jones, Don Litchfield, Kandy Litchfield, Carol Maxwell, Tony Mettevie, Earl Miller, Britta Paszkiet, Robert Przyborowski, Susanne Reece, Bonni Rothbaum, Joanna Seebeck, Eric Sempel, Colleen Stick, Dave Strutzel, Lauren Szrarniak, Linda Szrarniak, Anna Wilmes.

The following volunteers were chosen to win wonderful gift certificates donated by Bloomingdale businesses:

Sandy Dauber - Platt Hill Nursery gift certificate  
Anna Wilmes - Free bread for a year from Panera Bread.  
Patty Eagleton - Swedish massage gift certificate from Artful Touch Spa.

We would also like to thank the following who also contributed much to the success of the Fest:

- The Bloomingdale Park District for the use of the land
- Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Park District for the spectacular fireworks display
- Village officials for their support
- Staff of the Village Hall
- Michelle Wilson and the staff of the Lone Star Steakhouse, as the Fest beer vendor
- All vendors and sponsors

In closing, we hope everyone who attended Family Fest had a great time. We're looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at Family Fest 2005.

Tim Jarzemsky  
Family Fest Co-Chair

Kandice Krettl  
Family Fest Co-Chair

# Off the Shelf



## BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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### THANK YOU

#### to Local Sponsors for Their Support

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

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Rockford Park District  
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Rosati's Pizza  
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Steak 'n Shake  
Stratford Square Mall



*from the director . . .*

### JUNE BRINGS NEW PARKING LOT AND LOW VISION READER

If you have visited the library lately, you may have noticed our new parking lot. Work was completed the first week of June and the results are great. The lot not only looks much nicer, it works better too! The library staff, together with our architect, designed the lot with extra crushed stone and underground pipes to improve drainage. Hopefully it will last for many years to come. Thanks go out to the neighbors and patrons of the library that were inconvenienced when it was under construction. Also big thanks go out to the Village of Bloomington for the use of the gazebo lot.

On June 17th we received a low vision color magnifier. This device, which was graciously donated by the Bloomington Lions Club, allows those with poor vision to magnify printed materials. It is capable of magnifying books, utility bills, personal letters, and other important printed documents. This newer model even displays items in color.

### LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

Saturday, September 4	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 5	Closed
Monday, September 6	Closed(Labor Day)

*Sunday hours resume on  
September 12 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON  
SEPTEMBER 10  
FOR A STAFF INSERVICE DAY.**



## Youth Services Department

# FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR FALL STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Bloomington Library cardholders may register for storytimes at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by telephoning (630) 529-3120 ext. 332. Please have your library card when you register.

Please note that selected programs are open to Bloomington 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 Family StoryTime, require registration and sibling may not attend 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 20

Fall Programming ends the week of October 25

## STORYTIMES

Programs for children ages three months through Kindergarteners

*Registered storytimes are limited to Bloomington Public Library cardholders only.*



### ROMPER RHYMES

(3 months - 15 months)

Tuesdays, September 21 - October 26

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 21 - October 26

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 stories and flannel boards. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.



### TIME FOR 2'S (24 months - 29 months)

Wednesdays, September 22 - October 27

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Time for 2's is a 30 minute program of stories, tunes and interactive flannel board activities for children two years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Please make other arrangements for the care of siblings, so that the parent/caregiver may be able to share this special time with his/her child.

### TIME FOR 2's "TAKE 2"

(30 months - 35 months)

Wednesdays, September 22 - October 27

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This story program is designed to help children develop listening skills and features stories, songs and musical activities. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings so parents/caregivers can participate with their child.

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (ages 3 - 5)

Mondays, September 20 - October 25

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Thursdays, September 23 - October 28

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Preschool Storytime 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 Primary Connections program information.



## SIDEWALK SALE!

### Friends of the Library SIDEWALK BOOK SALE

Join us on Saturday September 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Friends of the Bloomington Library Sidewalk Book Sale. The Friends group will be selling used books, as well as fun promotional materials from past library programs and autographs. Come early to get the best selection of better quality hardcover and paperback books, tee shirts, and a limited number of sports/celebrity autographs. In case of rain, the sale will be moved inside to the Conference Room. All proceeds will go to help fund the Friends of The Bloomington Library.

## Youth Services Department FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

### DROP-IN STORYTIMES

*The following two storytimes do not require registration*

**FAMILY STORYTIME** (All ages)  
Fridays, September 24 - October 29  
10:30 p.m. - 11:00 a.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.

**BEDTIME STORIES** (All ages)  
Tuesdays, September 21 - October 26  
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!**

### PRIMARY CONNECTIONS

Mondays, September 20 - October 28  
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Grade K - 1st  
*Registration is required.*

Primary Connections is a six week program for the child who has outgrown preschool storytime, but not outgrown the library. The children will enjoy a fun-filled session 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



### Mother/Daughter Book Club (Grades 4 - 8)

Join us for lively conversation about literature and life! This book discussion group for girls in grades 4th through 8th and their moms or adult female friend will meet for three Sunday afternoons this fall. Come to an Informational Meeting to learn more about this popular 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.

Informational Meeting	Tue., Aug. 17 from 7:00 - 7:20 p.m.
First Discussion	Sun., Sept. 12 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Second Discussion	Sun., Oct. 10 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Third Discussion	Sun., Nov. 14 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

### BOOK ARTS



Thursday, October 7  
4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Ages: Grade 3 and up  
*Registration is required.*

Imagine putting your thoughts, drawings, photos, etc. in a journal or book created by your own hands! Come and learn a technique or two to customize your own hand-made book. We'll give you some ideas on how to fill your books. You will leave with your own creation to take home.

### STORY ART



Saturday, September 18  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Ages: Kindergarten and up  
*Registration is required.*

Autumn is in the air, so come on over to the library for a fun program where we will blend literature with art. We will share a "crisp" fall story followed by a related craft activity.



### Happy 70th Birthday, Tomie dePaola!

An Author Celebration  
Tuesday, September 14  
4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  
Grades K and up  
*Registration is required.*

Join us for fun activities as we wish Tomie a very happy birthday. Discover the many stories written and illustrated by this popular author. And, in honor of Tomie's Italian ancestry, we will be serving pizza as a birthday treat. Non manchi questo!



### CHARACTER COUNTS CELEBRATION

The Bloomingdale Character Counts Celebration has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 pm at the Bloomingdale Park District Pavilion. Students from DuJardin, Erickson, St. Isidore, Winnebago and Westfield will come together to create a special evening to honor the Character Counts award winners from each of their schools. "Celebrate Our Diversity" is this year's theme, and everyone in the community is invited to come and join in the fun.

## Adult Services Department

# FALL ADULT PROGRAMS

### ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

#### **Adult Book Group**

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month and the previous Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

August 18 and 19 - *Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand

September 15 and 16 - *Doomsday Book* by Connie Willis

#### **Historical Book Group**

Meets from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

September 7 - *Washington and Caesar* by Christian Cameron

October 5 - *The Pioneers* by James Fenimore Cooper

#### **Science Fiction and Fantasy Group**

Meets at 7:30 on the second Thursday of the month

August 12 - *Ancient Shores* by Jack McDevitt

September 16 - *Game of Thrones* by George R.R. Martin



#### ITALIAN BRUNCH

#### WITH CHEF JONATHAN BEAN

Monday, August 16

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Chef Jonathan Bean demonstrates how to prepare an Italian Brunch including frittata, caponata, panna cotta, and insalata di fagioli. Participants will be able to taste the food following the demonstration.

*Please register in the Business Office. There is a \$3 dollar charge per person for a tasting fee. There is a maximum of 40 people for this program; Bloomingdale residents have registration priority.*



#### DOING WHAT COMES

#### NATURALLY: MENOPAUSE

Wednesday, September 8

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hormone fluctuations, excesses, or deficiencies, play a major role in women's health and well-being during the years leading up to and the years following menopause. With the recent confusion surrounding hormone replacement, many women are searching for natural ways to effectively and safely manage the symptoms associated with menopause. Donna Teper, RN, Certified Menopause Practitioner and owner of her private practice, *Beyond 40*, presents this lively and informative session addressing herbal products, vitamins and supplements, homeopathic remedies, nutrition, and the most current research on hormone replacement and what that means for you. You'll discover a whole new approach to a comfortable and beautiful you!



#### INVEST IN YOURSELF

Wednesday, September 29

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

For those that did not attend the previous program, *This is Your Life*, local attorney John Pankau will revisit the estate planning topics covered in the earlier session. The main focus of this program will be an in depth discussion of the different kinds of wills and trusts and a general timeline for talking to an attorney about these important issues.

### PEP Vounteer Program

Join the People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from College of DuPage as a volunteer classroom aide. Aides help adult students learn English as a Second Language (ESL), reading, writing or basic math. Day, evening and weekend classes for ESL and GED are held throughout DuPage County. Bilingual skills are needed only for Spanish GED classes.

The next training series for ESL and reading/math volunteers will be offered on August 7 and 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn campus. The deadline to register is July 23. For more information, call Joan Morris at (630) 942-3788.

### Have You Noticed?

Electrical power strips have been added to the study carrels so you can plug in your laptop.

The Lion's Club has donated a reader/magnifier that enlarges documents for the visually impaired. It is located in one of the study carrels in the Adult Services Department.

Stop by the Reader's Service desk to pick up the current issue of *The Constant Reader* our newsletter about new fiction titles.



Bloomington Public Library  
presents its  
**16th Annual Ice Cream Social**

*Join us at the final stop  
of*

**"Explore the Reading Trail"**

**Thursday, August 12, 2004**

**5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

For more information, contact the  
Bloomington Public Library  
101 Fairfield Way, Bloomington, IL 60108  
phone (630) 529-3120 ext. 0



**Dan LeMonnier**

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*Performances begin at*

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2004**

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The library will be open during the fish fry so you can enjoy the special Local History Room Quilt Exhibit  
**Call 630-529-3120, press 0 for reservations and tickets**

## Computer Lab

# 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 Bloomington 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 Monday, August 2, 2004. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.*

### INTRODUCTION TO WORD

**Tuesday August 10, 2:00 - 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.)

### INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

**Wednesday August 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

This class will cover the basic concepts creating and using spreadsheets. (Having taken "Introduction to using Microsoft Word" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

### USING THE INTERNET 2

**Tuesday August 17, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

In Using Internet 2 we will add to and expand on the topics covered in Using the Internet. Subjects such as browser options, adding links, downloading, advanced searching, high speed Internet access, and more will be covered. (Having taken Using the Internet or similar experience is recommended.)

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 3

**Wednesday August 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

The final session of Understanding Your Computer will cover more advanced hardware topics. Learning to install, remove, and update components of the computer will be covered, as well as understanding the basics of how they work. Understanding device drivers and why they're important will also be discussed. (Having taken "Understanding Your Computer 1 & 2" is strongly recommended.)

### GENEALOGY ONLINE

**Thursday August 19, 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.**

**Instructor: Annamarie**

Our local history librarian will demonstrate various genealogy online sources, highlighting AncestryPlus, Heritage Quest and Illinois databases. In addition, she will describe other resources such as Roots.web, the American Family Immigration History Center, Family Search, National Obituary Archive, and the Master Cemetery Index.

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Wednesday August 25, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

This is intended as an opportunity for students to ask about questions or topics that they have trouble with or want to know more about. Internet/Email, Office programs, general computing, and more are all fair game. A numbered system will be used to try and regulate the questions so every participant gets approximately an equal number of turns. Please come to the class prepared with questions to ask. The instructor may not be able to answer questions relating specifically to your computer.

### USING EMAIL 2

**Tuesday August 31, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

Using Email 2 takes users beyond the basics of sending and receiving Email and teaches them to take advantage of the many features their Email services provide. Topics such as attachments, folders, address books, mail options, spam protection, and more will be covered. (Having taken Using Email or similar experience is recommended.)



## Computer Lab

# FALL PROGRAMS

### **ADULTS COMPUTER COURSE**

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

**Monday September 13, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday September 14, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Monday September 20, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday September 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Monday September 27, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday September 28, 2:00 - 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

#### **Adults Computer Course Outline**

##### **Sessions 1 and 2:**

Very basic introduction to computers and how we use them. Topics such as learning how to use disks and CD-ROMs, becoming comfortable with the mouse, using windows, and running programs.

Discussion will continue over first two classes with recommended practice exercises given after both session 1 and 2.

##### **Sessions 3 and 4:**

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

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

##### **Sessions 5 and 6:**

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

### **Intermediate Excel**

**Wednesday September 15, 6:30 - 8:30 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.)

### **Advanced Excel**

**Wednesday September 22, 6:30 - 8:30 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.)

### **Résumé Writing/Online Job Hunting**

**Wednesday September 29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

In this class students will learn how to use Microsoft Word to create sharp, easily read and understood résumés. They will also learn how to create accounts and perform searches with online job finding sites such as Hotjobs and Monster. This course is about the technical skills required to create the résumés, not about proper style, content, or design. The instructor cannot offer judgment on the content of your resume. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" is helpful but not necessary.)

## **BLOOMINGDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Bloomingdale Historical Society would like to invite the community to attend their special dedication of the newly restored gravestones for the Civil War soldiers buried in St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street. On Sunday, September 12, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. there will be a program featuring Civil War re-enactors, and an address by President Lincoln, visits by General Lee and General Grant, and the 1st Illinois Light Artillery Co. B. For additional information, please call 630-529-3120, ext. 710.

## **LOCAL HISTORY NEWS**

The Local History Department has put village mementos on display through August on the first floor. The selection includes people, places, business and government items. Come see what a washing machine cost at the turn of the century - 1900 that is. Guess who ran for village offices 50 years ago on the Union ticket? See what is left of the Hillman House. Count how many people attended the Krumwiede family reunion in 1913.

Also, please come upstairs to the Local History area to view over 30 beautiful quilts that are on display. Quilts were sewn by members of the Bloomingdale Public Library's Quilt Group which meets at the library on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Four area churches have also exhibited their congregation quilts.



# Bloomington Park District

*Celebrating 40 Years of Fun!*

## Summer Concert Series Continues

Be sure to catch the last of the concerts for this summer in August. Remember, every show starts at 7:00pm at Old Town Park.

### Family Concerts

Chunky Monkey August 10  
Ronnie Rice August 17

### Children's Concert

Dave Rudolph August 12



## Doggie Dip

August 8, 6:30-8:00pm



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.

## Bloomington Beat Dance Company Tryouts

We offer classes including ballet, tap, jazz, funk, and combo classes for ages 3 - adult as well as a Ballet Fit class for adults. For the dedicated dancer who is interested in competing and performing, the Bloomington Beat Dance Company tryouts are September 8, at 6:30pm for children 6-9 years and at 7:30pm for children 10 and up. See our selection of dance shoes and apparel at prices you can't beat!

## Preschool Openings for Fall

Walk-in registration is currently being accepted for the 2004/2005 school year. Tiny Tot and Pre-K classes begin the week of September 6 and on Tuesday, September 14 for Intro classes. Hurry and register now at the Park District to reserve your spot as spaces are filling quickly. Call 529-3650 for more information.

## Westfield Track Memberships on Sale

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 nonresident.



## 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 24 and the morning of September 25. 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!

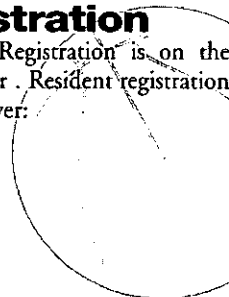
## Make a Difference 5K Fun Run/Walk:

Be sure to register early for the Bloomington Park District's 3rd Annual "Make A Difference 5k Fun Run/Walk!" Families are welcome. Registration begins with the receipt of your Fall program guide. Race day is September 25, 2004.

## Youth Basketball Registration

It's time to register for in-house basketball! Registration is on the following days at the Johnston Recreation Center. Resident registration is \$65 per player and nonresident is \$70 per player:

Day	Date	Time	Location
Sat	9/25	9:00-12:00am	JRC
Thurs	10/7	6:00-8:00pm	JRC
Mon	10/18	6:00-8:00pm	JRC



## Teen Jams!

September 10, 8:00-10:00pm; JRC



Get ready to rock with your favorite local teen bands. Two to three bands will be featured each evening. If you are between the ages of 13-20 with a school ID or driver's license, come on out and support the bands and have a great time. Concessions will be available.

## Dates to Remember:

Guitar Lessons Begin September 11  
Chess Class Begins September 11  
Klub Friday Nite September 17

## At the Museum...

### Face to Face

A juried portrait and mask show  
Now-August 21



### Quilt National and Fiber Artists

September 11-October 16

Reception: Sunday, September 19, 2-4pm  
Admission: \$4 resident/\$6 nonresident

We are fortunate to have this prestigious collection of 20-25 contemporary quilts, borrowed from the Dairy Barn in Ohio, coming to our Museum. In conjunction with the quilt show, there will also be a wonderful display of fiber art provided by a regional group of fiber artists.

### Bloomington Park District Museum

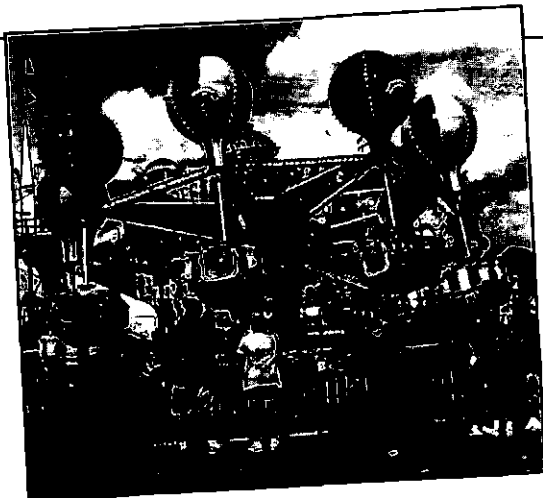
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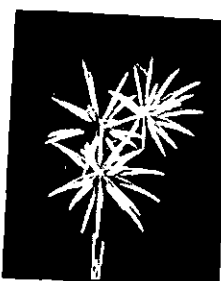
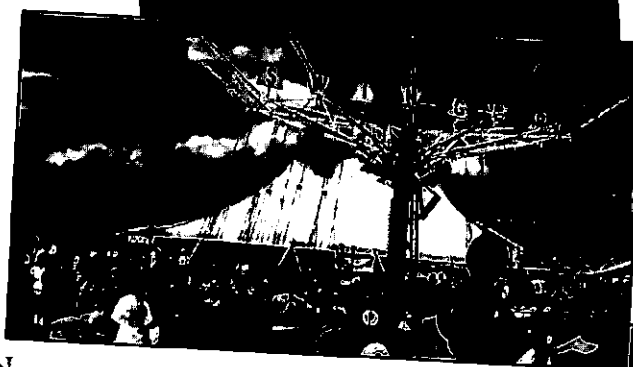
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