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June 2014

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Bloomingdale Park District & DuJardin Elementary – Looking Great at 50



The former Baptist church was sold to the Park District in 1965 for \$1

In 1960, there were 1262 people living in Bloomingdale, four times more than in 1950. The huge population explosion was still about 15 years away, but still, this influx of residents and surge of development brought about some changes. The formation of a park district went to referendum and on May 2, 1964, a referendum was passed to establish a park district.

The following were elected as commissioners: Joe Slater, president; Jack Sheelor, vice president; Ron Richards; Don Rottenberk; and Margaret Johnson.

The first services offered residents were two baseball teams, two football teams, dance lessons and archery. In 1965 Circle Park began at 1.5 acres. In that same year the old Baptist Church at

Bloomingdale Road and Franklin Street was sold to the park district for \$1 and became the Park District office. Later, the one room building housed glass cases with period dresses, the old barber's chair from the shop that was on Lake Street, as well as part of the original post office boxes that used to grace Bender's Hardware when the post office was located in that building.

Over the years, the park district acquired park land in various areas of the Village, added acreage to some of the larger parks, developed playgrounds, made fields for the variety of sports played in the parks, improved its facilities and increased class offerings.

From the one and a half-acre Circle Park to 13 parks with a total of
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Jersey Mike's Subs Hosting Fundraiser

Jersey Mike's Subs, Bloomingdale has stepped up to help the Septemberfest Commission raise funds for the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi

Scholarships. Jersey Mike's prides itself on building relationships with its customers and is committed to serving the community by helping local charities & schools. They will create 500 coupons pre-printed for the Scholarship to be redeemed for a FREE regular 7-inch sub

with a \$2 donation. 100% of the donations go to the Scholarships. Coupons can only be redeemed in person from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. at the Bloomingdale store, 383 W. Army Trail, June 10 & 11. No phone orders. Every person must have a coupon to receive a 7-inch sub for \$2.

Coupons may be obtained from the Bloomingdale Village Hall and Library (Max 4 tickets per adult) beginning Friday, June 6.



Bloomington Honored as Tree City USA

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 7:00 p.m. – Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3rd Monday of the months January-March, May thru November. 1st and 3rd Monday in April. First Monday in December. 7:00 p.m. – Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. – Village Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Six times a year or as needed

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

BUSINESS PROMOTION COMMITTEE

1st Friday of the month 9:00 a.m. – Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Wednesday of every month 7:30 p.m. – Library

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

2nd Thursday of the month February through November 6:30 - Village Hall

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1st Thursday of the month 5:00 p.m. – Firehouse, 179 S. Bloomington Road



The Village is pleased to have received recognition as a 2013 Tree City USA, the 18th consecutive year the village has earned this distinction! The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters. Erickson students, pictured with school staff, the Forestry crew and Trustee Judi Von Huben, display the flag for the accomplishment following the 2014 Arbor Day celebration.

Stay in Touch

Consider signing up for the Village's E-News, which would be delivered weekly to your email address.

This is a good way to keep up with timely information on news, services and events in and around town. And in the case of an unusual event, such as the snow, ice and frigid temperatures caused by our polar vortex experience in early January, the Village is able to get out critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to www.villageofbloomington.org and sign up for the E-news on the homepage on the bottom half of the right hand side. It's easy and free!



Village of Bloomington Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
Village President

Jane E. Michelotti
Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Robert Czernek
Traffic and Streets

Bill Bolen
Finance and
Administration

Frank Bucaro
Facilities, Infrastructure

Michael D. Hovde
Planning, Zoning
& Environmental
Concerns

Jim King
Intergovernmental and
Community Relations

Thank you to resident David Von Huben for this photo of Bloomington Golf Course, taken a few years ago.

A Message from Mayor Franco

As I write this in May, the temperatures are iffy, but Bloomingdale turned green in a matter of a week! So many things to look forward to as we are on the verge of summer – read about outdoor concerts, camps for the kids, summer reading programs and the ice cream social, golfing for a cause and much more in this issue. I also congratulate both Bloomingdale Park District and DuJardin Elementary School for marking 50 years of service to the community of Bloomingdale this spring. So much has changed here in the past 50 years.



There is one recent change in Bloomingdale that is causing concern within the community. I have received an increasing number of calls from residents regarding the escalation of noise due to the rerouting of commercial airplanes at O'Hare International Airport that now directs air traffic over the Village's airspace. This rerouting is the result of the O'Hare Modernization Plan, which has reconfigured the newest runways in an east-west direction. The direction of landings and takeoffs is based on the current wind patterns, and currently, O'Hare has directed more plane traffic over our Village due to the prevailing winds.

On behalf of the Village, I recently met with representatives from the Chicago Department of Aviation to discuss the Village's concerns regarding the noise levels. The increase in noise is due to the newest runway which became operational in the Fall of 2013. Additionally, I was advised that a third runway is scheduled to go online in approximately eighteen months. Unfortunately, the Village is not currently in O'Hare's Residential Sound Insulation Program coverage area, which is established by the federal government. However, the Department of Aviation has agreed to my request that the Village of Bloomingdale be added as a member of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC), which is a policy-making group that oversees noise management efforts around O'Hare International Airport.

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) maintains a toll-free noise hotline, 1-800-435-9569, an Internet website, and an online service at www.flychicago.com for citizens to express their concern about particular aircraft events or aircraft noise levels in general. You can also access reports of noise complaints in the monthly Airport Noise Management System. Residents who have concerns regarding audible and/or visual impacts of this shift in air traffic are encouraged to report their complaints and feedback regarding this quality of life concern to the City of Chicago Department of Aviation, using the O'Hare Noise Complaint Form. Additionally, my thanks to Lynne Denmark, a member of the Mayor's Advisory Council, who first brought this issue to my attention earlier this year.

I have a personal favor to ask everyone as we FINALLY experience some nice weather and shift our focus and activities outdoors. The Village has been receiving a significant increase in complaints about speeding in our neighborhoods. I know that our lives are busy and hectic, but please be considerate and aware of the lower speed limits throughout our residential areas. Let's all keep our neighbors, friends and children safe!

My thanks to our Village Board and Staff for their hard work in implementing some of the new initiatives we have approved relative to Lake Street and Old Town. Enjoy the Summer and thank you for all of your support, comments and suggestions-keep them coming to franco@vil.bloomingdale.il.us.

Com Ed Working on System Improvements

Starting in late spring, ComEd, and its sub-contractor Intren (also known as Trench-it), will be replacing nearly four miles of underground electric cable throughout the Village. The work areas are on Meadowlark Road, Red Wing Court, Martin Lane and Martin Court, White Hall Terrace, Old Mill Lane, Butterfield Drive, Vinings Drive and Stratford Junior High.

This project is part of ComEd's annual system reliability improvements. The majority of the work will be completed by Intren, a sub-contractor to Com-Ed. To minimize disturbance and the scope of restorations, horizontal directional drilling, a steerable trenchless method of installing underground pipes, conduits and cables, will be used to replace the underground cable. Only occasional excavations will be required to complete the work. Minimal, if any, electrical service disruptions are expected in completing the work.

Both ComEd and Intren personnel will be working in rear yard and/or side yard easements to complete their various tasks. Intren will place a door hanger notifying affected property owners in the work area. Both Intren and ComEd workers will be wearing or carrying identification. Both ComEd and Intren vehicles should be also be clearly marked. **No workers should ask you for access to the interior of your residence to complete the work, as it is not necessary.**

Areas disturbed by the work will be restored with top soil and seed blanket as weather permits in the early summer. **Please direct any questions or concerns to Jason Schmitt, Project Manager for Intren at (815) 923-2300 extension 306. Or contact the Village of Bloomingdale, Engineering Division at (630) 671-5676.**



Household Hazardous Waste, Paint

Summer Branch Collection Begins July 21



The Summer Branch Collection will be performed under the direction of the Village Forestry Division beginning on Monday, July 21. This free service is only available to single family detached residences. Branches must be out by 7:00 AM on Monday, July 21, but should not be placed at the curb/pavement edge more than one week earlier. For more information about branch pickup guidelines, go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org and type in "branch pickup" in "Search this site" on the right side at the top of the homepage or call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

Household Hazardous Waste

Unfortunately, there are no Household Hazardous Waste events scheduled for this year in DuPage County, as of yet. Bloomingdale Township does host its electronic recycling from April through December on the first Saturday of every month from 8:00am to 12:00pm (except for holiday week-ends). Bring your unwanted electronics to the Highway Dept at 6N030 Rosedale Avenue. For further information or questions, please call Bloomingdale Township Highway Department at 630-529-5221.

Naperville has a long term Household Hazardous Waste facility, located behind Fire Station #4, 1971 Brookdale Road, which is open Saturdays and Sundays 9 a.m.-2 p.m.(excluding holidays). For information call 630-420-6095.or go to <http://www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx>



2014 Latex Paint Recycling Program - June 9th to July 3rd

The DuPage County Latex Paint Recycling & Reuse Program is open from June 9 through July 3, 2014, Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays, June 14 and June 28 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Woodridge Greene Valley Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7900 S. Route 53, Woodridge.

Residents can drop off their usable unwanted latex paint during the designated summer collections listed above free of charge. **Usable paint** is paint that has not been frozen, is less than 10 years in age and has not been mixed with other products. Paint is filtered and re-blended and will be available at no charge in 5-gallon containers and various colors. Call for questions and availability (630) 985-7400.



Left over **unusable** latex paint should be consolidated into one container and dried with cat litter, sawdust or another absorbent material (ie. oil absorbent). Once the paint is completely dry, it can be put out with regular garbage curbside pickup. Be sure to remove the lid on the paint can, so the waste company driver can see that the paint is dry.

Hydrant Flushing Begins June 2

Reminder: The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 2, 2014 through June 18, 2014. The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period. The schedule was published on p. 6 of the April Almanac, but you can check when your area will be affected through the link on the Village's home page at www.villageofbloomingdale.org



Questions? Please contact the Water Distribution Division at 630-671-5830.

Septemberfest 2014 - September 6

The 41st annual Septemberfest will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 6 in Old Town Park (Lake & Bloomingdale), beginning with the annual parade stepping off from DuJardin School at 11a.m. and traveling west on Schick Road into the Old Town area.

Returning will be the food, vendor and crafter booths, a variety of entertainment and the traditional evening crowd-pleasing band performance. This year will also feature another outstanding car show, as well as the presentation of the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarships. Applications for food vendors, crafters, parade participants and car show can be found on the village's website at www.villageofbloomingdale.org/stay-play/local-events Click on Septemberfest.

In conjunction with Septemberfest, St. Paul's Church will be hosting its 2nd block party on the east side of Bloomingdale Road featuring even more activities for the youngsters. Plan to join your friends and neighbors on September 6th for Bloomingdale's traditional end of the summer event.

Bloomingdale Bank & Trust Offer Benefits Septemberfest Scholarship Fund



If you mention this ad, Bloomingdale Bank & Trust will donate \$50 to the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship when you open up a new total access checking account between now and August 31st. The \$50 donation will go towards a scholarship fund that provides for young adults who have been volunteers and workers in the community. An initial deposit of \$100.00 is required to open account. For more information about this fundraiser, please visit www.villageofbloomingdale.org or call the bank at 630-295-9111.

*Bloomingdale Bank & Trust is a branch of Schaumburg Bank & Trust Company, N.A. At the end of the promotion, donations will be made to the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship for each customer who opens up a new Total Access Checking account during the promotional period. Offer expires 8/31/2014. Offer may change, be adjusted or withdrawn at any time. See banker for more details. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender. ©2014 Bloomingdale Bank & Trust

Dispose of Flags Respectfully



Just a reminder that there is a Flag Drop Box located next to the Founders Gazebo near the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way. Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 sponsored the placement of the repository to ensure flags are disposed of properly. VFW member Jerry Bertrand has collected and burned well over 12,000 flags in the last eight years the flag drop box has been there.



Be a Friend of Septemberfest/ Joe Draghi Scholarship

Scholarships have been awarded to Bloomingdale students between the age of 16 and 20 as part of Septemberfest since 1987. It's been 20 years since the scholarship was officially named the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship. Draghi was a longtime resident who was always willing to help with a cause, serving on many committees (including Septemberfest) and often volunteering for the most thankless jobs. Because of his commitment to the community, volunteer service is a big component of earning the scholarship.

If you have enjoyed Septemberfest, have been a recipient of the scholarship or are the parent of a former recipient, won't you please consider making a donation to help the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship going? It is supported entirely by donations. The Septemberfest Commission and future scholarship winners thank you.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address

Daytime phone

Evening phone

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

Make your check or money order payable to the Village of Bloomingdale. Please put "Septemberfest Scholarship 2014" in the memo line.

Mail to:

Friends of Septemberfest,
c/o Village of Bloomingdale,
201 S. Bloomingdale Road,
Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

Mayor Franco Throws Out First Ball On Opening Day

Free Mulch Available at Village's Public Works Facility

Following the three scheduled branch collections – Spring, Summer and Fall, the contractor tub grinds the branches, as well as Village wood waste, into a high quality mulch product. This mulch is used on Village properties and is available for pick up to all Village residents for home use.

Mulch is currently available at the Public Works Facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please bring containers, a shovel and gloves, as well as proof of residency.

For more information, call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

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Mayor Franco threw out the first ball at the BBSA opening day. Here he is pictured with Guy Carollo, a catcher on the 12U Bloomingdale Bull Dogs team. His team has been working hard to make its way to Cooperstown, New York for the world-renowned Cooperstown Boys Tournament.



Bloomingdale Receives GFOA Award

The Bloomingdale Finance Department has earned its 24th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR), which is awarded annually from the Government Finance Officers Association. This certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Congratulations to Finance Director Gary Szott, Assistant Finance Director Allen Altic and former Accountant June Fergus, who are primarily responsible for preparing Bloomingdale's award-winning CAFR.



Annual Water Quality Report Available Online

Please go to <http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/sites/default/files/2013WaterReport.pdf> to view your 2014 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2013. If you would like a paper copy of the 2014 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your home, please call (630) 671-5830.

Historical Society Seeking Photos of Bloomingdale Neighborhoods

The Bloomingdale Historical Society (BHS) is trying to create a pictorial version of Bloomingdale neighborhoods through residents' photos. Check out your photos – whether they are specifically of your house or an outside family shot where the house is in the background - the BHS would love to scan and return the photo. They have already just about completed the area bordered by Lake Street, First Street, Schick Road and Day Street. Please drop off your photos to the Reference Desk for the History Room at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way or if they are digital, email them to johnsonm@vil.bloomingdale.il.us.



CHARACTER COUNTS! 2014 Awards



(l to r) Front row: Melody Vroman, Ron Fangusaro, Muriel Schneider; Back row: Mark Dwyer, Chris Breyne, Jim King, , Stan Poplonski, , Erin Ducat, Sam D'Amico and Joyce Boryla. (not pictured Dave Lombardo)

The following individuals were honored by the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition.

Joyce Boryla was recognized for the work she performs three days per week as a volunteer for the Bloomingdale Police Department.

Chris Breyne was recognized for his various volunteer activities including lunchtime recycling, scoreboard and concessions, as well as for coordinating the SCRIP Program at St. Isidore School.

Sam D'Amico was recognized for years of dedicated volunteer service and leadership to the Friends of the Library.

Erin Ducat was recognized for enriching the lives of families in Stepping Stones through sharing her knowledge and talents and by organizing collections and a 5K Run fundraiser event.

Mark Dwyer was recognized for consistently giving back to the Bloomingdale community through blood drives, coaching, mentoring, 50 Men Who Cook, and for his tireless commitment to all kids in Bloomingdale School District 13th, the Education Foundation, and the Playground Fun for Everyone.

Ron Fangusaro was recognized for representing all of the pillars of character as demonstrated through his many years of service to children and adults with vision and hearing disabilities through the Bloomingdale Lions Club, and for his service to the Village since 1999 as a Plan Commissioner.

Jim King was recognized for his many years of service to Bloomingdale, as a Village Trustee, a Friend of the Bloomingdale Library, and as a long-time Bloomingdale Lions Club member.

Dave Lombardo was recognized for volunteer computer software and networking services that he performed for the St. Isidore's Clothing Resale event.

Stan Poplonski was recognized for his service to the Bloomingdale Lions Club, local school wellness programs, the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, and for his winning pastries at the annual 50 Men Who Cook.

Muriel Schneider was recognized for giving her service freely to the children at DuJardin years one day per week for the last 12 years, in addition to her other volunteer service at her church and at Elmhurst Hospital.

Melody Vroman was recognized for her many years as a teacher at DuJardin School, and for being a person of her word, always lending hand to fellow teachers, and for consistently being someone you can count on.



CHARACTER COUNTS was also proud to honor . . .



Bloomingdale Bank and Trust received the 2014 Business of Character Award, for their commitment to the CC! Coalition since 2008, support for many community organizations, including the Lions Club, Park District (Movies in the Park), and Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce (new member breakfast, ambassador meetings, golf outing sponsorship, 50 Men Who Cook, and student scholarships). The bank provides more than financial support. They are also present at many community events, and exemplify the Pillars of Character in their hiring practices, customer service, financial investments and support. Several staff members are pictured above.



On Friday, May 2, 2014, the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition recognized **Fiona Hall**, a 3rd grade student at **Winnebago Elementary School** with a Pillar Award for Caring, for standing up for a fellow student in her time of need. Fiona is pictured to the right with her teacher **Laura Reece** and Principal **Jon Pokora**.

Did you know? Motorized Scooters Are Not Allowed on Public Property

Who's Knocking at My Door?



The Village of Bloomingdale requires that all solicitors register with the Bloomingdale Police Department. If a solicitor comes to your door, be sure to check that they have a clearly visible solicitor's badge issued by the Village before you answer the door. The badge displays the solicitor's photograph, the name of the organization, and an expiration date. Charitable solicitors, in lieu of a name tag or badge, may choose to wear their appropriate uniform.

The hours for soliciting in Bloomingdale are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. In addition, solicitors are not allowed to disregard the "No Solicitors Invited" signs posted prominently at your front door. If a solicitor violates any of these rules, or if they seem to be over aggressive in trying to sell you something, please call 9-1-1 to inform police of the violation. If possible, provide 9-1-1 with the clothing description of the solicitor and their direction of travel.

Please report any and all suspicious activity to the Bloomingdale Police Department.

Now that the summer's warm weather is approaching, the Bloomingdale Police Department offers the following reminder. There has been an ordinance in Bloomingdale since June 2002, that prohibits the usage of motorized skateboard, a snow vehicle, motorized scooters, motorized go-peds, go-cart, mini-bike or any similar engine powered (gas or electric powered) vehicle or device upon any public or private street, highway, parking lot, sidewalk, school ground, or bike path or any other public property within the Village of Bloomingdale. The exception is for those individuals who are authorized to use motorized wheelchairs. A violation of this Ordinance may be given a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. The parent or legal guardian of any person under the age of sixteen (16) years who violates the Ordinance shall be liable for any and all damages resulting from the operation of the vehicle and for any fine assessed.



Mayor Franco welcomes Officer Han after he is sworn in

New Officer On Board

The Village's newest employee, Jin Han, was hired as a patrol officer with the Bloomingdale Police Department. The area resident is a 2012 graduate of the University of Illinois – Chicago (UIC) with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. He recently graduated from the Police Training Institute in Urbana Champaign and was officially sworn in by Village President Franco Coladipietro at the April 28 Village Board meeting. Jin will complete two more months of field training with the department and will then be on the street. Welcome Aboard, Jin!

'Take a Bite Out of Crime!'

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Park District are proud to sponsor the 31st Annual National Night Out Against Crime, on Tuesday, August 5, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District and Circle Park area. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, etc. will be provided free of cost between 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The pool is open to all attending the event and organized games and prizes are scheduled.

This evening thanks the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and participating residents, generates further support and participation in the local anti-crime efforts, and strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership nationwide. Any questions, contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868. Please consider joining us for this free, fun, family event and help us to "Take a Bite Out of Crime!"



Looking Great at 50

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159.75 acres, the park district has truly expanded. The Village offers its sincere congratulations to the Bloomingdale Park District for its continual growth in excellence and service to the community. Here's to another fifty!

The Park District is offering multiple special programs, classes and events associated with the anniversary. Look for a 50th Anniversary icon in the Park District's summer brochure (available now!) and the upcoming fall brochure (delivered to residents the first week of August). Fiftieth Anniversary-associated events/programs can be seen in the brochure. Or check the website: www.bloomingtonparks.org

At the same time that the park district was organizing, School District 13 was looking to expand. Central School, built in 1937, was overflowing to the point that youngsters were on a split schedule. The entire school population could not fit into the school all at once, despite the addition of four new classrooms, a gym and office in 1959. After passing a referendum, plans moved forward on a new school.

The land for the school, a substantial lot of nearly 40,000 square feet, was donated to the school by the DuJardin Family. Rosamond DuJardin, for whom the school was ultimately named, became a writer after she became a mother. She started out in the 1930s writing short stories for Redbook, Good Housekeeping, Cosmopolitan and other magazines, then went on to author books and radio plays. She was most well-known for her young adult novels, publishing 17 of these popular books. Her last novel was written in 1963, the year she passed away.



Rosamond DuJardin

Sadly, she did not get to see the school built, nor learn it was named after her. The \$310,000 DuJardin School, which opened in November 1964, solved many problems for the district. It not only provided easier access for youngsters living on the east side of Bloomingdale, it also allowed the district to finally have kindergarten classes. Between the two schools, a total of 69 kindergarteners enrolled in school in the 1964 school year.

DuJardin underwent additions and remodeling over the years, including the addition of a connecting school district office. Now nestled in the middle of a residential area that grew up around it, DuJardin currently serves 379 students. And after all this time, it feels as young as ever. Congratulations, and thank you DuJardin, for 50 years of creating memories for countless families whose youngsters came through your doors.



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ComEd Smart Meters

A smart meter is a digital electric meter that collects energy use information and sends it securely to ComEd. ComEd plans to provide all customers with smart meters by 2021.

Because smart meters automatically send meter readings to ComEd, they help eliminate estimated bills and the need for meter readers to visit your home. When the modernized electric grid is complete, smart meters will provide customers with faster restoration times by notifying ComEd when an outage occurs and when power is restored.

Learn more about smart meters by calling 866-368-8326 or go to www.ComEd.com/SmartMeter

Free Concerts in Old Town Park

Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Attendees may bring lawn chairs & refreshments.

June:

- 10 ABBA Salute
- 17 Blooze Brothers
- 24 Piano Men (Billy Joel & Elton John Tribute)

July:

- 1 Denny Diamond (Neil Diamond Tribute)
- 8 Wild Ones
- 15 New Invaders
- 22 Bloomingdale's Got Talent
- 29 Final Say

August:

- 5: No Concert – National Night Out
- 12: American English Beatles Tribute)

Johnny G's Quality Meats and Deli, Inc. Celebrates 30 Years

John Giannelli, the proprietor of Johnny G's, has been a butcher all of his life, having learned the trade in Italy. In 1984, he opened Johnny G's Quality Meats and Deli in the Old Town Square Shopping Center.



Mike, Johnny, Mike and Jim

Johnny will hand-cut your steak, roast, chicken or any other fresh meat right in front of you. His Italian and other sausages are handmade in the shop. He makes several varieties, such as tomato and basil, piz-zaiola, barese (Mayor Franco's favorite), and Hawaiian brats, to name a few. You can pick your favorite right from the showcase.

Johnny also features a deli section where he will slice meats and cheese to your desired thickness. You can find fresh salads there too. Johnny also features his own private label pasta sauces in a variety of flavors, as well as a wide assortment of homemade pasta, also under his label. And if you are pressed for time for dinner, Johnny has entrees, such as ready to bake lasagna and eggplant parmigiana, as well as pre-cooked meatballs.

If you like a fresh turkey for Thanksgiving or other holidays, order it from Johnny G's. Always fresh, never frozen. He also does custom catering for any occasion.

If you remember the days when people bought their fresh meat at the corner meat market, or if you have never tasted meat fresh from the butcher shop, you need to visit Johnny G's. You will not be disappointed!



The store, located at 160 S. Bloomingdale Road, is open Tuesday through Friday 9 to 6; Saturday 9 to 5, and Sunday 10 to 2. It is closed Mondays. Call 630-893-6089. Congratulations, Johnny G, on 30 years in Bloomingdale!

Save the date!

Bloomingdale's Day at the Races, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Police FOP Lodge 175, will take place September 14. Watch the August issue of the Almanac and e-news for more information.

Pure Dental Spa Hosts Dentistry from the Heart On June 22



Since 2010, Pure Dental Spa, 108 E. Lake Street, Suite 1 has been providing comprehensive dental care to Bloomingdale and surrounding residents, offering the most unique dental experience in Bloomingdale. Dr. Rajul Patel and the Pure Dental Spa team provide a wide range of dental services with a spa experience. A modern facility and state-of-the-art technology allows them to offer you the best available care for all your dental needs.

In response to the welcome they have felt from the community, Dr. Rajul Patel and her team want to give back by hosting a free dental event through **Dentistry From the Heart** on Sunday, June 22. They will provide patients over 18 who can't get dental care elsewhere the choice of a filling, extraction or cleaning. There will also be several hygienists, dental assistants and other dental professionals donating their time and resources, in order to provide free dental care to as many residents in need as possible.

This event is a first come, first served event and patients are encouraged to arrive early and dress appropriately for the weather. The dental office will provide chairs and water. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Patients will be seen through 5 p.m. that day. For more information, contact www.puredentalspa.com or call 630-426-6002.

Bloomington Welcomes Hobby Lobby

Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., opened its 34th Illinois store in the beginning of May in the 43,000 square-foot building formerly occupied by Sports Authority, located at S. Gary Avenue and Camden Drive in Stratford Crossing.



Trustee Judi Von Huben does the honors of cutting the ribbon, which is held on the left by store manager, Leo Covarrubias and on the right by Mayor Coladipietro

The privately held national retail chain of craft & home decor stores, which began as Greco, a miniature picture frames company in 1970, is headquartered in Oklahoma City. When founder, David Green, moved his business from the family's garage to a 300 square foot retail space in 1972, Hobby Lobby was founded.

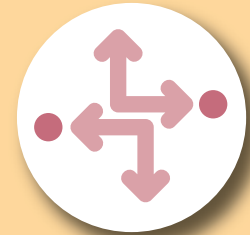
Departments include floral, fabric, needle art, custom framing, baskets, home accents, wearable art, arts and crafts, jewelry making, scrapbooking and paper crafting supplies. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. All Hobby Lobby stores are closed on Sunday.

A ribbon cutting ceremony and official grand opening celebration took place on May 5. Local dignitaries, ambassadors from the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and other business leaders attended the celebration. This store is projected to bring about 35 – 50 jobs to the community.

For more information about Hobby Lobby, the weekly specials, coupon offers, store locations and online shopping, visit the website at www.hobbylobby.com, or follow the store on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hobbylobby.

Cakes for a Cause

In anticipation of Westfield Middle School's second "Cake Challenge for Charity," local visiting artist and Westfield alumna Alicia Eisenmann, owner of Delish Cakes in Old Town Bloomington, demonstrated to students and staff how she creates beautiful, and delicious cakes, that look like works of art themselves.



The Bloomington Business Beat

The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction and those who have something special to tell the residents about - awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc. Retail businesses provide a significant part of the village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep the Village portion of your property tax bill low.

**Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGTON**

Welcome to These New Businesses

Window Works
140 W. Lake Street

Accelerated Rehabilitation
303 E. Army Trail Road

Canteen
171 Covington Drive

Hobby Lobby
160 S. Gary Avenue



Community Events

Planning A Garage Sale?

There is no cost or permit necessary to hold a garage or yard sale; however, the person conducting the sale must notify the police department of the sale prior to the start of the sale.

No more than three rummage or garage sales may be held on the same premises in any calendar year. Each may not be more than three consecutive days and can only take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

There are also requirements relative to garage sale signs, including size and placement restrictions.



Upcoming Garage Sales

Chateau Lorraine
Community Garage Sale
June 14 & 15
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Springbrook Villas
Community Garage Sale
June 21 & 22
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Westlake Garage Sale
June 21 - 23
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Pick up map at Clubhouse
299 Edgewater Drive

Country Club Estates
Community Garage Sale
June 28-29
8am-5pm

Free Day Camp at Bloomingdale Church

Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road, hosts its annual Day Camp June 17-20 for students who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. This year the church is transformed into "Bloomingdale International Airport," from which the children will take fantasy flights to Jamaica, Mexico, Israel, and Italy from 9:30-12:45. Each day's flight will include crafts, Olympic games, drama, music and practical lessons on personal character, including an emphasis on qualities of Character Counts. To register, visit www.bloomingdalechurch.org/daycamp. Attendance is free, however written parental consent is required. For more information, call the church office at 630-894-0090.



Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 provided the Color Guard and Flag Raising for the Bloomingdale Baseball Softball Association Opening Day ceremonies. Leading is Commander Chuck Groner with the American Flag, followed by Senior Vice Commander Randy Winter with the POW/MIA flag. Junior Vice Commander Jerry Young completes the procession carrying the State of Illinois flag. Don Petges, not pictured, performed the actual flag raising.

Don't forget Our Troops

Just a reminder that Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 continues to send monthly care packages to our troops overseas and at this time of year, their supplies are dwindling.

You would be surprised at the variety of small items that are so appreciated by our troops. Please take a look at the following link to Post 7539's website for suggested donations: <http://vfw7539.org/supportourtroops.htm>

Items can be dropped off at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road.



Bloomington Garden Club Upcoming Events

June 17 - This meeting is a "members only" visit to a lovingly tended garden. For membership details, visit www.bloomingtongardenclub.org.

July 15 - "All About Herbs" begins at 6:30pm and is presented by Sandy Perakis of the Platt Hill Nursery. Herbs are probably the most popular and intriguing group of plants in existence. One way or another, herbs touch each of our lives. Visitors are welcome. Location: Bloomington Police Dept., 201 S. Bloomington Road. Contact Roberta Pulido at 630-295-8315 for more info.

Join Interdependence Day on July 6

Bloomington Church invites you to join in their 4th annual community-wide food drive to stock the four food pantries in our community. Paper grocery bags will be left at residents' front doors on Sunday, June 29 to be filled with non-perishable goods. Bag collection will occur Sunday, July 6, between 9-11:30 a.m. The community is also invited to come to Circle Park next to the Bloomington Park District Oasis at Noon to celebrate community with a patriotic service, followed by a picnic with fresh produce and 300 pounds of meat smoked and prepared by Bloomington residents David & Tiffany Diaz. There will be fun, games, music and activities for everyone. For more information, visit www.bloomingtonchurch.org/interdependenceday.



St. Paul Church Members Honored for 45 Years of Ministry and Service

St. Paul Church dedicated a six foot tall oil on canvas painting by member Georgette West. The painting, *Through the Temple Window*, was commissioned by the Sunday School of St. Paul Church in 2004, and has hung in a classroom for the last ten years. Recently, the members of congregation joined resources to have the extraordinarily large painting professionally framed, mounted and hung by resident Matt Puchalski of Masterpiece Framing.



Surrounded by Garden Club members, Georgette stands left of painting; Bert is seated on the right.

Joining in the celebration was the Garden Club of Bloomington, to which Bert and Georgette West have long belonged. The painting now hangs in the West entryway of the church, adorned with a plaque reading, "Presented on this 4th day of May, 2014 in honor of over 45 years of dedicated service to St. Paul Evangelical Church." The community is invited to visit St. Paul Church weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and Noon, or Sundays at 10:00 a.m. to see the beautiful painting.



Swing Into Action at These Upcoming Golf Outings

The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Classic takes place on Friday, June 27 at Bloomington Golf Club, starting at 7:30 with breakfast & registration. Golf begins with an 8:30 shotgun start, and culminates with Don Helmig's famous pig roast. Plenty of games, prizes and fun in between. Call 630-980-9082 for more info.



The Bloomington Bears host a Shotgun Golf Outing & Silent Auction on Sunday, July 27 at Bloomington Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Shotgun start is 10 a.m.; dinner starts at 3:30 p.m. Golf Entry deadline is July 14. Check out details on www.villageofbloomington.org, click on Community Calendar, July 27, and "Read More." For more information, contact Cindy at cinshel@yahoo.com.



The Bloomington Lions Club Charity Golf Challenge begins

with an 11:30 a.m. lunch on Thursday August 7, followed by a 1 p.m. Shotgun Start. Greens fees, carts, lunch and dinner is \$125 per person. All proceeds benefit sight and hearing impaired kids in the community, as well as other local needs. For more information, contact Stan Poplonski at 630-461-1283 or spoplonski@earthlink.net

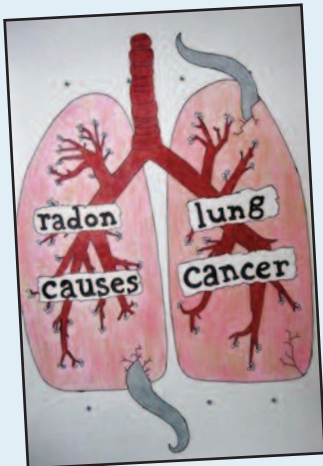


Around and About Town

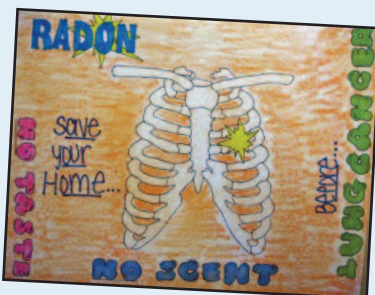
Westfield Students Poster Winners

Congratulations to Westfield students, 1st Place winner 6th grader Julia Tomal and 3rd Place winner 8th grader Corinne Hoffman, on their award winning posters for the 2015 Radon Poster Contest sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The poster contest is designed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon gas and to increase the number of homes tested for radon. The girls each won a cash prize and their posters will go on to the national competition.



3rd Place poster winner by Corinne Hoffman



1st Place poster winner by Julia Tomal

BAA Silent Auction Thru June 7

Appearing in the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, through June 7 are two annual shows: In Gallery I, the Bloomingdale Artist Association (BAA) Members Spring Show features a diversity of artistic mediums, and a silent auction of unique hand painted stools to benefit the BAA Scholarship Fund.

In Gallery II, are the fotoMuses, a talented group of photographic artists with unique styles and perspectives. Exhibit schedule: Wednesdays 4 to 8 pm, Thursday/Fridays 10am to 4pm, Saturdays noon to 4pm. For more information call 630-539-3096 or visit www.bloomingdaleparks.org



Cassandra Mulatz Is American Miss Pre-Teen Jr. Finalist



Cassandra Mulatz has qualified as an Illinois State finalist in the Pre-Teen Jr. Division with National American Miss and will be competing on August 1-2nd at Pheasant Run Resort against other 7-10 year olds in the formal wear, personal introduction, interview, and community involvement categories. Her participation requires sponsors from the community.

As a Bloomingdale resident, she attends Winnebago Elementary, is involved in Daisy Scouts and is a four year State champion of the Bloomingdale Beamer Gymnastics Team.

Cassandra is the youngest daughter of Brianna and Michael Mulatz. We wish her the best of luck.

St. Isidore Breaks Ground for New Facilities

Father Jim Murphy, St. Isidore Parish pastor, along with members of the St. Isidore parish and school community, officially broke ground on April 26 for a major renovation to both parish and school facilities. A capital campaign that began last fall, "Honoring our Roots, Cultivating our Future," raised the \$1.5 million in donations and pledges that allowed the construction to begin. The majority of the construction is projected to be completed in time for the new school year in the fall. Part of the initial construction will include the renovation of the interior of the chapel building, which was the original church, built in 1920. The area will be used for many of the church's ministries, including the Connect Youth Ministries program.



Ken Voelker, lay chairman of capital campaign committee, Fr. Jim Murphy, pastor, and Tom Norton, parish administrator.

Pam Hager Named Business Woman of the Year

The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) presented their 6th Annual "Georgene Geils Woman of the Year Award" to Pam Hager of Bloomingdale. From the time she and her family arrived in Bloomingdale 25 years ago, Pam has given countless hours and boundless energy to a great number of organizations and causes. From District 13 schools and Girl Scouts to Bloomingdale Women's Club, the Septemberfest Commission and DuPage American Cancer Society, Pam not only joined, but assumed many leadership roles and inspired others to take part also. She is currently a member of the 100+ Women Who Care, a DuPage charitable organization and an active member of St. Paul's Evangelical UCC Church, where she is co-chair of Women's Ministry and a member of the Church Council. Pam Hager is a wonderful role model of community service, kindness to others and the value of striving for your goals. Congratulations to Pam on this well-deserved recognition.



Pam Hager and Mayor Coladipietro

St. Paul Vacation Bible School July 21-25



St. Paul Church, 118 First Street, invites area youngsters ages three-years old through 6th grade to community Vacation Bible School, July 21-25 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Free dinner for the youngsters is offered each night at 5:45 p.m. This summer's theme is "Weird Animals." Children must be registered before July 15 by calling 630-980-9196 or visiting www.stpaulbloomingdale.com

Flat Stanley Comes to Bloomingdale

"Flat Stanley" visited Bloomingdale recently. Resident Rhonda Sawtelle brought him to Village Hall for an official photo op with the Mayor for her niece Joyanna of Macon, Georgia. During his Bloomingdale Adventure, Stanley also saw the fire department, police department and library, where he received his own library card.



St Isidore Students Fill 420 Grocery Carts for Dupage Food Pantries



Students representing St. Isidore Religious Education and School, along with the Religious Education Director Vera Zielinski and Principal Cyndi Collins, present a check for \$2,150 to Neighborhood Food Pantries' Resurrection Site Coordinator Kathy McKinley and other site coordinators and board members.

St. Isidore School students, along with the parish's Religious Education classes, participated in a Lenten Service Project to raise money for the Neighborhood Food Pantries of DuPage County. The goal was to collect enough cash donations to fill 150 grocery carts; the students actually collected enough between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week to fill 420 grocery carts!

In order to maximize monies collected, the St Isidore students worked through the Northern Illinois Food Bank where every \$5 donation they made was enough to purchase a full cart of groceries. There are six local Food Pantry sites in DuPage County, which last year served more than 3,270 families with three to seven days' worth of food each visit.

Thanks Everyone!

The Bloomingdale Postal Carriers thank residents for their generosity on May 10th food drive. All donations were given to the Bloomingdale Township Pantry.



Tornados: Nature's Most Violent Storms

Bloomingtondale Horizon Hosting Senior Fair June 6



The Bloomingtondale Horizon, 160 W. Lake Street, hosts a Senior Fair from 9 a.m. to Noon on Friday, June 6. Exhibitors include Community Physical Therapy, Family Home Health & Hospice, Prism Healthcare Medical Equipment, Alden Valley Ridge & Alden Gardens. Also Bloomingtondale Mayor Franco Coladipietro, Bloomingtondale Police and Fire departments, Bloomingtondale Township team, including Bloomingtondale Senior Center, Bloomingtondale Library and Park District. Other vendors include Accuquest Hearing Centers, Ardent Healthcare Group, Assisted Transitions, Caring Transitions, Clarement, Comfort Keepers, Costco, Ducat Chiropractic, EMB Medical Supply, Elderworks, Family Pharmacy, Home Helpers, Home Visiting Physicians and more. Free refreshments and raffle prizes. For more info, call Ellen at 630-307-8007.

"It sounded like a freight train," is often the description used by people who have experienced the terror of a tornado. Spring and summer thunderstorms usually are the catalyst from which tornadoes spring. Because of the frequency of warm weather thunderstorms, it is wise to be prepared to seek shelter anytime a severe thunderstorm arises. Severe thunderstorms are usually accompanied by heavy rain, high winds and hail. Depending on the severity of a thunderstorm, the National Weather Service may issue either a **tornado watch** or a **tornado warning**.

A **tornado watch** means that tornadoes may occur in or near the area. You should listen to the local radio and TV for information and instructions. If you have a line of site to the southwest, be alert for funnel-shaped clouds. If you should spot one, seek shelter immediately and contact 9-1-1.



A **tornado warning** means a tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately, turn on a battery-operated radio and wait for the "all clear" announcement. Should a tornado warning be issued for the immediate Bloomingtondale/Roselle area, the Village's emergency sirens will be sounded. When you hear the siren, do not waste time getting to your shelter.

REMEMBER:

If you are at your home, go to the lowest level of your home. If you do not have a basement or crawl space, go to an interior closet or hallway. If possible, get under a sturdy table and protect your head.

If at a school, nursing home or like structure, go to pre-designated shelter areas, usually on the lowest floor.

If you are in a car, get out and take shelter in a nearby building, if possible. If there are no structures nearby, try to find a drainage ditch or other low-lying area. Never try to outrun a tornado.

When tornadoes threaten, immediate action can save your life. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls in your home. Cover your head; any debris may become flying missiles.

Some websites for additional information pertaining to tornadoes:

<http://www.fema.gov/library/tornadof.htm>

<http://www.disastercenter.com/tornado.htm>

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/>

<http://www.noaa.gov>

For other safety-related information, contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule

Residents who have Friday garbage pick-up with Republic Services will have their pick-up service delayed by one day during the week of the July 4th holiday.

Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



Lightning Can be Deadly

As we enter summer and severe weather becomes a problem, the Bloomington Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to inform all of our residents about the dangers of lightning. You can download our free safety tip sheet at www.nfpa.org

Fires started by lightning peak in the summer months and in the late afternoon and early evening.

Lightning Facts & figures

- During 2004-2008, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 24,600 fires started by lightning. These fires caused annual averages of 12 civilian deaths, 47 civilian injuries, and \$407 million in direct property damage.
- More than half of fires caused by lightning occur outdoors. Deaths and injuries from lightning fires is small, but the dollar loss is more than \$400 million per year.
- In 2004-2008, only 18% of reported lightning fires occurred in homes, but these accounted for 88% of the civilian deaths, 77% of the associated injuries and 70% of the property damage.

LIGHTNING SAFETY TIPS

Summer is the peak time of the year for lightning strikes and lightning fires. However, lightning does occur year round. It's important to be prepared for this dangerous weather phenomenon.

Outdoor safety

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away. Do not go under tall trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If you are in or on open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.
- If you feel your hair stand on end, that means lightning is about to strike, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 and get medical care immediately. Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat, and pulse. CPR may be needed.

Indoor safety

- Unplug appliances and other electrical items, like computers, and turn off air conditioners. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other electronic equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. Avoid washing your hands, bathing, doing laundry, or washing dishes.



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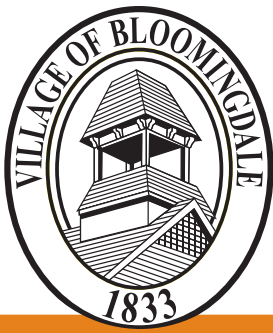
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Laptops for VFWs



In March, the office of Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth invited Bloomington VFW Post 7539 to a meeting at the Glen-dale Heights VFW Post 2377 during which surplus laptops from the Federal Government's General Services Administration were distributed to veterans' posts attending.

The posts will be able to use these laptops in bettering their operations, community service, and outreach to vets. Pictured with Congresswoman Duckworth is Bloomington VFW Post 7539 Quartermaster Dave Burdick.



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Westfield Jr. High Cake Challenge



Students, staff and community members registered to join Westfield Junior High's Cake Challenge for Charity by creating their own cake to be raffled off at the April Portfolio Night.

The entries were inspired by works of art! All 68 cakes entered into the Cake Challenge were raffled off, raising a total of \$628.00 for the Bloomingdale Township's Food Pantry.



Looking for Something Different For Father's Day?

Tell the world Dad is your personal hero by placing a brick with your sentiments at the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park. The 4x8 bricks are \$100 each and hold three lines of copy at 13 spaces each. Bricks are also still available at the golf course and the library statue sites for \$75 each. All orders placed by June 23, 2014 will be installed late summer. A card announcing your gift to Dad is available at no charge. Call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall at 671-5600 for more information or to place an order.

Another "novel" gift idea is a copy of the Images of America - Bloomingdale book published by the Bloomingdale Historical Society through Arcadia. The story of Bloomingdale from 1833 through 1983, the town's 150th birthday, is told through photographs and captions. Historic views of current areas and structures are featured, including historic photographs of the renovated old school at Lake and Third Street.

The book is available for \$19.99 from the Bloomingdale Public Library or the Village Hall. This photographic journal also makes a great birthday or anniversary gift for anyone who lives in town.

