



Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

February 2004



Happy
Valentine's
Day!

From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Before we look ahead to what we want to accomplish in 2004, I'd like to take a quick look at some of the accomplishments for 2003.

All of our improvements to the Bloomingdale Golf Club golf course have been completed. The construction on the course is finally done; the cart paths have been improved and the new tee markers are in place. Now we are looking for an early spring so we can get out and enjoy the finished product!

The recreational path around the golf course has also been completed, as has the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Roselle Road linking East and West Meacham Grove. Although the bridge is within our boundaries, Village funds were not expended for this structure. It was paid for by DuPage County, the DuPage Forest Preserve District and a \$500,000 Illinois First grant.

As part of the 18-mile regional bikeway, we completed the Lawrence Avenue recreation trail, which is a one-mile segment of recreational trail along the Lawrence Avenue right-of-way between Gary Avenue and Springfield Drive. My favorite part of this trail is the wooden boardwalk, which extends over the wetlands. If you have not had a chance to get out there, when the weather improves, take a ride or walk there. The panoramic view of the wetlands is really beautiful, no matter what the season.

We were also very pleased to learn that the American Public Works Association selected this stretch of trail as the "2003 Transportation Less than \$32 Million project of the Year." Director of Village Services Michael Marchi accepted the award on January 27 at the annual APWA awards luncheon. In addition, this project also won the Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois Merit Award, which Assistant Village Engineer Robert Prohaska accepted in Springfield on January 29th.

As far as residential improvements, we completed an annexation of a 24-acre parcel west of Garden Avenue at Lake and Rodenburg. The development, Villa Veneto, will have 74 townhomes. Also underway are Rosedale Estates, along Rosedale Avenue, north of Lake Street, and Seven Oaks, a little further north on Rosedale. Both of these are single-family developments.

Traffic is always a concern. The year 2003 saw the completion of the intersection improvements at Springfield & Schick. We are happy these changes have definitely improved the flow of traffic on Schick Road. Army Trail Road construction is also finished west of Schmale and east of Gary. This County project has

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Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 always participates in the Library's Snowman Crossing Tree Grove. This year the decorations were snowmen, sox and yellow ribbons.

**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

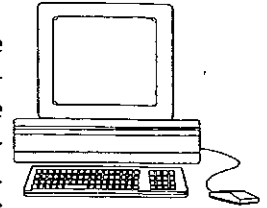
*Community Programs &
Special Events*

Gloria Reyes

Public Works & Services

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

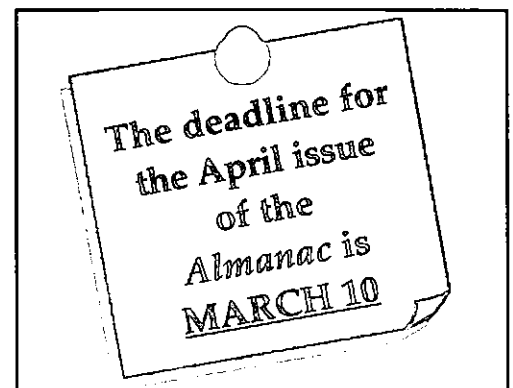
If you're "surfing the
net" and have a ques-
tion to ask or an issue
to bring to our atten-
tion, just E-mail it to us.
If you wish to send us
an electronic message, our address is:



**VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-
net.att.net**

Our website address is:

www.vil.bloomington.il.us

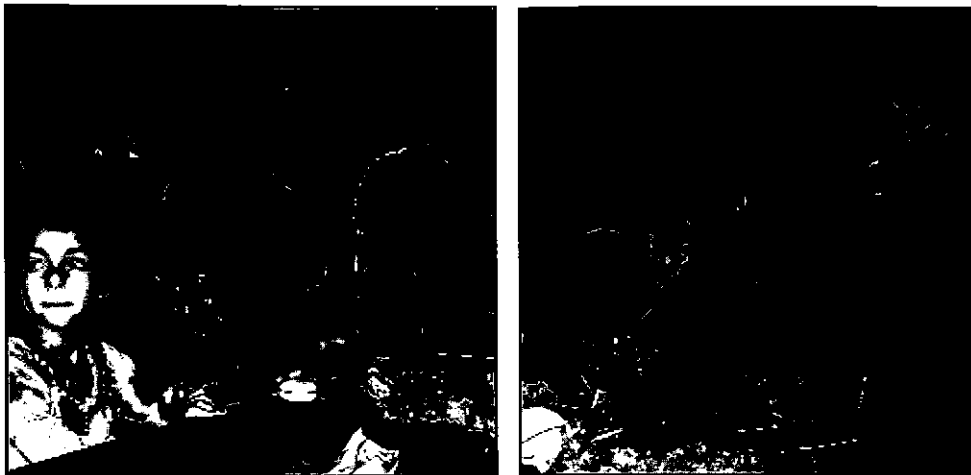


Ms. Bloomingdale Sits In As 'Mystery Reader'



Logan Rogers, Ms. Bloomingdale, was a Mystery Reader guest for the first-grade classes at Erickson Elementary. She read *The Gingerbread Man* to the youngsters and brought them each a gingerbread cookie. The kids thought Ms. Bloomingdale was beautiful and of course, they loved the cookies!

Luaus, Leis, and Bingo Make a Winning Combination!



Dujardin PTO sponsored a luau-themed bingo party last month

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helped the flow of traffic on that very busy roadway.

Covington Corporate Center on the west end of town, had a couple additions this year. The latest one is Envision Graphics, a fairly large facility, which is currently at the Plan Commission level.

More for 2004 - we are looking forward to Meijer's finally locating here. We will be working out some finishing details for the final site plan approval in April. In addition, Fifth Third Bank will be locating on Army Trail Road between Chili's and Olive Garden. We are also anticipating Albertson's Corporate Center joining Bridgestone-Firestone on Lake Street this fiscal year.

I am also pleased to say that, despite these difficult economic times, we have still managed to keep our Village services at the same level, while not increasing village taxes.

Lastly, congratulations to our two retirees this year - Sergeant Frank Cudio who retired in October after 30 years of service and Sergeant Len Conradi who retired the end of December and is featured on page 4.

A Happy and Healthy 2004 to all.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Available in Naperville on Saturdays and Sundays

The DuPage County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site drop off facility is located behind Fire Station #4, 1971 Brookdale Road in Naperville and is open Saturdays and Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding holidays. South of Diehl Road off of IL Rte. 59 north of the Fox Valley Mall on the eastern side of IL Rte. 59.

Phone: (630) 682-7130 HHW Hotline (630) 510-2810

e-mail: dec@dupageco.org

Collection events in the various suburbs are scheduled from Spring through fall. Watch the next Almanac for upcoming dates.

Join the Fun -- Be a Septemberfest Volunteer!

Septemberfest is looking for some volunteers to help get ready for this annual event.

Septemberfest has several activities such as:

- ✓ The Parade
- ✓ Antique/classic car show
- ✓ Motorcycle show
- ✓ Bands
- ✓ Children's Activities
- ✓ Crafters
- ✓ Assorted Food Vendors
- ✓ Scholarship Fund Awards

The Septemberfest Scholarship Fund helps the young people of our community, as we all know, college costs a small fortune these days and the young men and women who apply for these scholarships are doing all they can to apply themselves in preparing for all those expenses.

Septemberfest has been going on for 31 years and we get better every time.

This year it will be held on September 11th in Bloomingdale's Old Town (Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road). Our meetings are held once a month at the Village Hall and usually lasts about one hour.

We are looking for some friendly people with enthusiasm and good ideas.

It is a great way to meet some new people and help out your community. If you are interested please call Lori D. at (630) 671-5614. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
The Septemberfest Commission

Village Congratulates and Bids Farewell to 27 Veteran Year of Police Department

Congratulations are in order for another member of our Police Department. Watch Commander Len Conradi retired as of December 31, after 27 years of service

Len is one of those lucky people who really loved his job. "Being a police officer is the coolest job in the world," he said. After 27 years, Len says he still enjoyed being a policeman.

When he was drafted, Len went into the military police. That experience made him decide he wanted to go into law enforcement. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Illinois University in law enforcement. While Len was serving an internship with the State's Attorney's office, he met John Potempa, Bloomingdale Police Chief. He mentioned to Len that Bloomingdale was hiring officers.



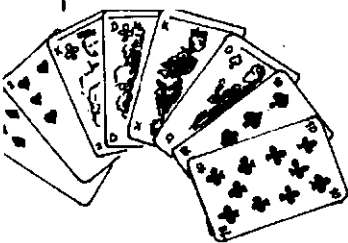
Len began his career here December 2, 1976. He was promoted to sergeant on June 20, 1982. During his career, he has also served as a division commander and a watch commander. Over the years, Len taught tai chi in-house and served as the department's biohazard risk exposure training instructor. In addition, Len has taught classes in cultural diversity for North East Multi-Regional Training Inc. and community policing classes for the Institute for Public Safety Partnerships.

Len, Jan, and the family will still live in town, so he will be around. In his retirement Len plans to continue teaching. He is going back to school to get his teaching certificate so he will be able to teach social studies and history on the high school level. He'll be starting the one-year program at National Lewis in fall.

Len always thought he'd like to be a police officer for a while, then maybe do some teaching. If he enjoys that as much as he did being a police officer, then he'll be one of those lucky people who enjoys their "retirement" years as much as their "working" years. Congratulations, Len and Best of Luck!

Looking for Opportunity to Keep Learning? College of DuPage has Classes for All Interests!

You may know that College of DuPage has an off-campus center for independent learning here in Bloomingdale (162 S. Bloomingdale Road), but did you know you could earn a bartending certification there? Or explore the passions of Italy through Tasting Italian Wines and Foods? There are sewing classes and nutrition/herb classes; there are, of course, a variety of basic computer classes; there are even some Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) and OSHA classes available. To learn more about it all, call the college at 942-3948.



Look for the Results in April!!

The Almanac went to press before the "Viva Las Bloomingdale" fundraiser for the "Everyday Heroes" statue took place. The Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee thanks all those who volunteered to help throughout the evening, as well as everyone who came out to support the effort. Results of the community event will be published in the April issue.

Bloomington Police to Hold Free Booster Seat Giveaway On Saturday, February 21

A new Illinois Law effective January 1st, 2004 states that whenever a child under 8 years of age travels in a vehicle, the driver is responsible for properly securing the child in an appropriate child restraint system. This includes an infant that should ride in a rear facing child restraint until the child reaches both 20 lbs. and one year old; a forward facing child restraint for children at least one year old and 20-40 lbs; and children between 40-80 lbs. and under 4'9" should be riding in a booster seat for proper fit of the lap/shoulder belt.

The Bloomington Police Department will be hosting a FREE Booster Seat Giveaway on Saturday, February 21st from 10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Bloomington Fire Protection Station # 3 located at 246 S. Gary Avenue, located just north of Army Trail Road.

Bloomington Police Officers who are Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to demonstrate proper fit of the booster seat. In order to receive a free booster seat, the child AND the vehicle the seat will be used in MUST be present.

Remember to set a good example and buckle up everyone in the vehicle, every time you drive! For further information, contact the Bloomington Police Department at 630-529-9868.



Parkway Damaged By Snow Plows?

We plow as carefully as possible, but in spite of our best efforts, the Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snowplowing operations.

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

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



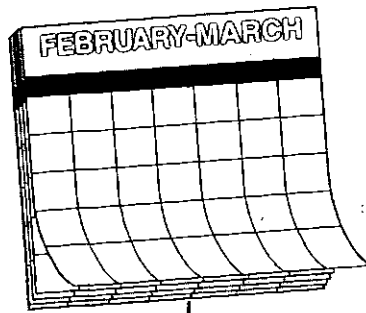
Before You or Your Contractor Do Anything with that Parkway Tree

For any and all work by a resident or resident's contractor on a parkway tree, a permit is required by Ordinance No. 95-61, An Ordinance Regulating the Planting, Maintenance and Removal of Trees on Public Areas.

PLEASE NOTE -

Installing planter walls around parkway trees is work which requires a permit. The Village discourages the installation of planter walls around parkway trees because the parkway is Village property and the typical installation of a small diameter ring filled with soil is injurious to the tree. For those residents who have installed planter walls without permits, approval can be obtained by contacting James M. Johnson, Forestry Crew Leader, at 630-671-5804. The Village will be notifying residents of a violation when unacceptable planters are encountered.

The Village has a comprehensive, systematic pruning schedule which ensures each tree is trimmed every five years. Contract tree pruning occurs during February through April. In-house trimming can occur any time during the year. If a resident believes a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.



Plant Calendar

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

• Prune trees* and shrubs. The ideal time to prune is in the dormant season, after the coldest weather and prior to new growth. Please consult the branch collection information and schedule contained within this Almanac issue.

• Spring flowering plants (i.e., lilacs, forsythias) should be pruned after they bloom to avoid removing this spring's flowers. If you must prune spring flowering plants, consider forcing the branches and bring spring indoors. Visit www.urban.uiuc.edu/forcing/index.html for simple instructions.

• Plan your visit to the 2004 Chicago Flower and Garden Show – March 13 through March 21. Information can be found at www.chicagoflower.com.

*Please do not prune parkway trees. These trees are pruned regularly through contract and in-house programs. If you believe a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.



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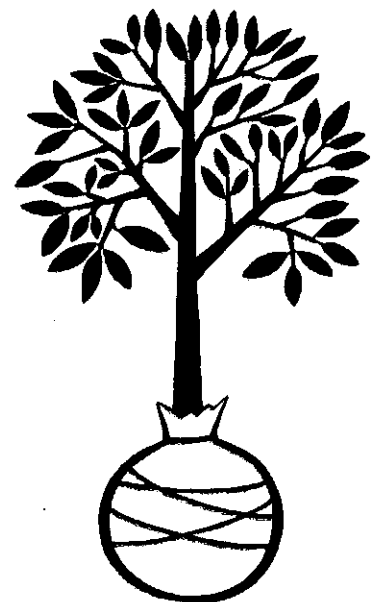
VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 200 seedlings -- Sugar Maples, Callery Pears and Bur Oaks -- on Saturday, May 1st, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road.

The Village will supply seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community. Community Tree Planting involves a commitment from all participants to plant trees on public property, such as right-of-ways, school grounds, community parks, etc.

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

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Helen Price at 630-671-5800.



Spring Curbside Branch Collection Set for Week of April 19

Following the success of our 2003 program, Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will work under the direction of the Village Forestry Division to complete the 2004 branch collection.

The 2004 schedule is:

- Spring – week of April 19
- Summer – week of July 19
- Fall – week of October 18

Note: The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

SPRING GUIDELINES:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 19.
- Woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

The following items are unacceptable:

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

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

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

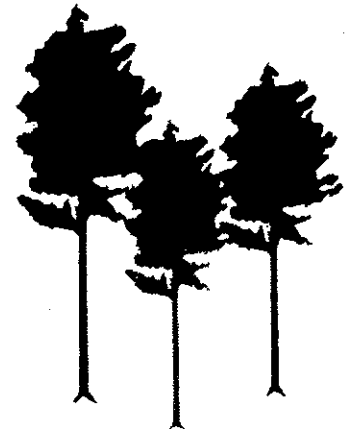
In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

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

Contract Tree Pruning

Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts of Evanston, Illinois will begin parkway tree pruning for the Village in February. All trees with a diameter at breast height of eight or more inches will be pruned to improve tree health and structure in a careful and systematic manner. Areas included in this year's cycle are:

- Fairfield First Addition (Campanelli)
- Heritage at Stratford
- Longridge
- Old Town Estates



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School District 13 Early Entry Process

According to the State of Illinois, a child entering kindergarten must be five years old on, or before, September 1st. If you wish to have your child considered for early entry, you must contact the district's Gifted Coordinator, Signe Noth, at (630) 529-6211 before February 20, 2004. Once that contact has been made, all the necessary documentation must be completed satisfactorily and submitted for review. You must follow the timeframe of the early entry process is vital if your child is to be considered.

No child will be considered for this program change unless the school district's gifted coordinator has been notified of the parent's request prior to February 20, 2004. This date guarantees the completion of the process in a timely fashion so that all necessary preparation can be done. Kindergarten Round-up is February 24, 2004, at DuJardin school, 166 S. Euclid avenue from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and must be attended by all early entry applicants.

Rotary Club Presents \$2,000 in Food Gift Certificates to Bloomingdale Food Pantry



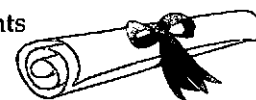
Rotary President-elect Linda Zerwin (right) presented Terri Bennett, manager of the Bloomingdale Township General Assistance (left) with the donated food coupons.

those in need, especially for the holidays.

As part of the condition of the matching grant, Rotary International requires a gift of time and talent as well. Rotary members look forward to completing that portion of the service project soon. The Food Pantry, despite its Township affiliation, functions primarily on voluntary donations of goods and service.

Check Out these Scholarships That are Available to Bloomingdale Residents

The following are scholarships available to Bloomingdale residents through local organizations.



The Bloomingdale Women's Club will award two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors residing in Bloomingdale. Community service will be a major component for awarding the scholarship. For more information call Rosie at 351-6822.

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

Scholarships are being offered to college-bound high school seniors who previously attended District 13 schools (Erickson, DuJardin & Westfield). Contact the individual school for application and deadline.

Watch the April issue of the Almanac for information on the 2004 Mr/Ms Bloomingdale Scholarship competition, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Septemberfest Commission.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

The Village of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Police Department publicly recognize and express sincere gratitude to the residents listed below. The time and talents they generously volunteer are a big part of the continued success of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Thanks to all of them for their efforts to keep our community safe.

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| Mary Albert | Charissa Hannigan | Sandy Polito |
| Hugh Bailey | Connie Hasselbach | Dorothy Prohaska |
| Frank Bartolone | Juanita Hathaway | Patrick Quigley |
| Robert Becker | Jacquelyne Hill | Bernard Rapacz |
| Anna Marie Bergl | Rich Hodyl | Virginia Riordon |
| Pam Brewer | Donna Hoidas | Marvin Roehlke |
| Mary Lynn Brown | Jane & Dennis Hyde | Gail Rohlfing |
| Gregg Burgess | Dorothy Jaskey | Roger Rossi |
| Andre Burke | Gretchen Johnson | Cynthia Rothamer |
| Brad Butler | Henry Jones | Judi Rotondo |
| Gregory Carrol | Jennifer Jordan | Lewis Sapien |
| Edward Christofano | George Kas | John & Bonnie |
| Bart Cohen | Joyce Klinowski | Sassmann |
| Don Coleman | Kathleen Kohl | Susan Schembari |
| Elizabeth Colemenero | Alan J. & Lori A. | Rhonda Schubert |
| Carol Cosentino | Kramer | John Schultz |
| Patricia Cox | Joseph Kuzdzal | Kendra Siegle |
| Ginger Crissie | Rita & Frank Letizia | Barb Soden |
| Susan Culhane | Anthony & Theresa | John Sofere |
| Ray Cullerton | Lobraco | Nilofer Sohel |
| Josephine Dabrowski | Rozanne Malott | James Soss |
| Janet Davitt | James Mandock | Juanita Soyaut |
| Bonnie Decoursey | Jackie Mandock | Carl Triana |
| Daniel Del Campo | John Manos | Steven & Staci Usedom |
| Kort Dickson | Judy Martin | Enza Vicari |
| Mary Ann Divenere | Patrick McNamara | Susan Voelker |
| Monica Dolhun | Victoria Melvin | Mary Theresa Wedel |
| Donna Doyle | Jane & Gil Michelotti | Bob Wikrent |
| Paula & George Duffey | Chris Monisco | Louise Zeiton |
| Donna Dwyer | Donald Napoli Jr. | |
| Patty Eagleton | Carol & Andrew Neff | |
| Tim Fenner | Kathleen Nendze | |
| Mary Sue Fornari | Carol & Dennis Neri | |
| Amy Frane | Carol Nies | |
| Mitch & Vivi Frumkin | Nancy O'Leary | |
| Laura Geraci | Holly Paoletti | |
| Sally Gill | Laurell Pearce | |
| Patrick Griffin | Sandra Perakis | |
| Eric Growney | Dawn Percudani | |

Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events

GENERAL MEETINGS
3rd Wednesday evening
of every other month at
7:30 PM in the Village Hall
Council Room:

March 24
May 19
July 21
September 15
November 17

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AGAINST CRIME --
BLOOMINGDALE PARK
DISTRICT**
Tuesday, August 3, 2004
6:00-9:00 PM

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our Police Department

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

Sincerely,

Gary J. Schira,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Detective

529-9868

Community Events Community Events

*Visit the
Bloomingdale
Women's Club Arts
& Crafts Festival
from 10-4 on
Saturday, March 6
at Westfield
Middle School, 149
Fairfield Way.*

Park District Museum Hosting Photo Show

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum's newest show HOCUS FOCUS PHOTO 2004 is currently running at the Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road through February 28. Regular hours: Wed., 4-8 p.m., Thurs./Fri. 10-4 p.m. and Sat. Noon-4 p.m. (Fees: \$1 residents/\$2 non-residents)

Westfield Middle School Concert Band, Choir Holding Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser March 3

The Westfield Middle School Concert Band and Concert Choir members will be traveling to St. Louis on April 23-25 for a music festival. Directors Sue Metzger and Karma Krzysiak are now working on some fundraising. The largest fundraising project is a Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle that the band and choir members will be hosting at Westfield on Wednesday, March 3.

The students will be selling tickets for \$6.00 for this event. They are also asking the community to help donate raffle prizes for that evening. The students would greatly appreciate any assistance from the community. This is the first trip the band and choir has taken to compete in many years. Tickets will be available through Westfield students or the office at 529-6211. To make a raffle donation contact Karma Krzysiak at kkrzysiak@sd13.org.

Historical Society Hosts 'Reflections' February 29

The Bloomingdale Historical Society and the library host another of their "Reflections" series 2:30 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 29. "Treasured Toppers" features the hat collection of Susan Kohl-Jankowski, along with her narrative about how historical events influenced fashion. Part of her collection was on display during the holidays at the Park District Museum.



Women's Club Hosting Arts & Crafts Fair March 6

The Bloomingdale Women's Club will be hosting an Arts & Crafts Festival from 10 - 4 on Saturday, March 6. They are looking for crafters who would like to participate. For more information call Rosie at 351-6822. The BWC meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. All women, married or single, are invited to meet new people, enjoy community service and take part in social activities. For more information about the club or programs, call Violette at 894-6783.

Lions Club Sponsoring St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 17

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will sponsor its 1st St. Patrick's Day (family style) Dinner at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at the Bloomingdale Golf Club located at 181 N. Glen Ellyn Road, Bloomingdale, IL. Tickets will be \$20 for the dinner and a children's meal available. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Dupage Battered Women's Shelter. For additional information, contact Perry Knutson at the 630-753-3067 or lionperry@hotmail.com.

Villagers Club Housewalk Nets \$11,000 And a Good Time for Participants!

The 14th annual Housewalk sponsored by the Villagers Club of Bloomingdale was deemed a wonderful success, having earned over \$11,000 for the organization. Club members thank all those who attended, as well as their many sponsors and participants.

Underwriters included Bloomingdale businesses JP Jewelers, 176 Dental Associates, Inc, D.J. Electrical Services, Inc., Janco Design Group, Inc., Paul J. Enterprises, Inc., RE/MAX Accord, Tails A-Waggin', Bloomingdale Foot & Ankle Associates, Bloomingdale Animal Hospital, Amici's Salon, and Bank One, as well as Salerno's Funeral Home, Roselle and Angelo Caputo's Fresh Markets, Hanover Park.

Thanks to decorators and florists: Marshall Field's (Stratford), McKrystal Custom Interiors, Fabbrini's Flowers, J's Decorations, Something Special Interiors, Fandangles of Bloomingdale, Roman, Inc., Carson Pirie Scott (Stratford), Flowers by Christine, The Great Indoors, Schaumburg and Kaleidoscope of Floral Design, Roselle.

Thanks to those who provided entertainment at all five sites: Lake Park Chamber Singers, ballroom dancer Joyce Smith, pianists Debbie Lehman and Julie Blackwell, a flute trio, pianists Kathie Nicolet and Laurel Holly, a brother-sister harp and piano duo, pianists Angie Taddeo, Ruth Waterman and Ellen Marchessault, marimba player Sandra Hallmann, guitarist Dan Nicky and the Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church musicians.

Thanks also to Glen Oaks Hospital, JoAnne Alice Portrait Artist, Maids on Time - Bloomingdale, and Thomas Kinkadee - Stratford, for their donations, as well as to LaEstancia, Rooster's Barn & Grill and Amore Ristorante, for featuring restaurant specials. And of course, a very special thank you is extended to the Milek, Iden, Danklefsen and Rowe families and the Bloomingdale Park District Museum for opening their doors to so many visitors! The proceeds from this event will benefit Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation, DuPage Community Clinic, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Greater DuPage MYM and Make-a-Wish Foundation, as well as on-going local support of the Bloomingdale Public Library, Park District and Township.

And, of course, anyone interested in having their home on the 2004 Housewalk, should contact Elisabeth Fangusaro at 893-7596.



Thanks!

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of a variety of commissions and committees during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers, many of whom contribute a good deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given so freely of their time during 2003.

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60 Years of a Proud Marine Tradition

Joseph (Joe) Franzese Jr. graduated from Marine Corp Recruit Training, Platoon 3026 in San Diego on November 14, 2003. His father **Joe Franzese, Sr.** graduated Marine Corp Recruit Training in 1968, Platoon 3069, then served in Viet Nam with the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division in 1969.

Joe's grandfather, **Salvatore Franzese** graduated MCRD in 1942, Platoon 1122, then served with the 1st Marine Air Wing VMSB133 in the South Pacific during WWII.

Franzese Sr. served as Commander of Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 for the years 2001-03. His father Salvatore is also a member of the Bloomingdale Post.

Speech and Language Therapist Honored

The Illinois Speech Language and Hearing Association named resident **Rita Samuelson** a co-recipient of the 2004 Exemplary Public School Speech Language Pathologist Award. She is currently employed as the speech and language therapist at Oakhill Elementary School in Streamwood, Elgin School District U-46. Samuelson also coordinates an annual program with the DuPage County Speech Language and Hearing Association, the Kane County Regional Office of Education and U46.

Bloomingdale Chamber Honors Outstanding Members

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce honored five outstanding members at the annual holiday luncheon and awards recognition.

Branka Poplonski of Century 21 Lullo earned the title Ambassador of the Year for a second time. A very successful businesswoman herself, Poplonski has provided consistent positive support to the chamber and its membership. The 2004 Business Person of the Year, **Frank Minniti with Amici's Salon** was recognized for his many years of support and commitment to the Bloomingdale Chamber.

The Business of the Year Award was presented to two businesses this year. **Gary Schellerer of Signs by Tomorrow** was recognized as one of the recipients because of the company's commitment to our village and because their recent extensive renovation of the landmark Econo-Mart building created a beautiful addition to the village.

First Hospitality Group, owners and management of Indian Lakes Resort, was also named Business of the Year because of their unprecedented reinvention of Indian Lakes Resort and their continual support of the Bloomingdale Chamber. **Chairman/CEO Steven Schwartz** and **President/COO Robert Habeeb** accepted the award.

Named Rookie of the Year was **Steve Scholten, Bloomingdale Park District Executive Director**. In this, his first year on the Chamber Board of Directors, Scholten showed outstanding support and commitment to the chamber while serving on the golf committee, increasing membership and being a wonderful addition to the chamber board.

Chris Nutter Attains Rank of Eagle Scout

Resident **Chris Nutter** is our most recent Eagle Scout. The young man was awarded this highest Boy Scout rank at a Court of Honor in December. The Village of Bloomingdale is proud to have been a part of Chris' Eagle Scout project. The young man assisted the Village's Utilities Division in protecting our local water resources. His efforts to protect the environment by taking steps to protect against careless disposal of chemicals and other pollutants into our waterways will benefit others' enjoyment of the streams for years to come.

The Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch Team

The Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee works with Detective Dawn Odoi to provide direction for the Neighborhood Watch program.



Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee: Detective Dawn Odoi, Charissa Hannigan, Hugh Bailey, Laura Geraci, Chief Gary Schira, Joyce Klinowski, Carol Cosentino, Patty Eagleton, Marv Roehlke, Jackie and Jim Mandock.



Taylor says Noel Wylie is a really nice guy.

Is That 'ER' Star Noah Wylie with Our Own Taylor Tagglia?

Residents will have a special reason to tune into ER this month. On February 21, Taylor Tagglia, Westfield Middle School student, will be appearing in a scene shot in Chicago's Millennium Park during early December. She is the student figure skating behind Dr. Carter (Noah Wylie) and his new love interest. Tagglia is also set to appear in another episode, but the date of that airing has not yet been set. The 8th-grader is also currently filming a movie "Scarlet X: the Five" in which she has a co-starring role. Taylor's mom, Lori, said some of the shots in that movie, are slated to be shot in our very own Old Town area. We'll keep a look out for the release of that film.

Bloomingdale Resident Coordinates 'Smackdown Your Vote' on World Wrestling Entertainment

Bloomingdale resident Amber Samuelson, a 2001 Lake Park High School graduate, currently serves as the undergraduate Student Senator for Governmental Affairs at Kent State University. Among her accomplishments this year was coordinating a "WWE Smackdown Your Vote" event, which involved having wrestlers from World Wrestling Entertainment and political figures visit the Ohio campus to register students to vote.



Ohio Congressman Tim Ryan, WWE wrestler "The Hurricane," Amber Samuelson, WWE wrestler "Maven," and Ohio State Representative Geoff Smith.

Amber Samuelson also serves as president of Students of Scholarship. A psychology major, the junior is also a member of Delta Gamma sorority and a representative on the Honors Policy Council. She is the daughter of Rita and Alan Samuelson.

Around & About Town



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HOME HEATING SAFETY -- *Suggestions for Space and Portable Heaters*

With the colder weather upon us, we often turn to supplemental forms of heating for our home and work areas. One popular form of providing this heat is the space or portable heater. These units are designed to provide a safe method of heating; however, certain precautions need to be taken to ensure their safe use. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that more than 100,000 residential fires every year are associated with the use of room (space) heaters. Upwards of 600 people die. In addition, more than 100 persons are killed annually by non-fire related carbon monoxide poisoning from space heater operation. The National Fire Protection Association, National Fire Safety Council, and the Bloomington Fire Protection District #1 offer these suggestions to help you safely use your both electric and liquid-fueled heaters.

Make sure that the type of space heater that you use is legal in your area and bears the label of an independent nationally recognized testing laboratory. Have them inspected annually by qualified persons to ensure that they are properly adjusted and clean.

Purchase a heater that has automatic safety features, such as a tip-over switch and an over-heat cut-off device. Should one of these malfunction, do not use the unit until it is repaired by a qualified person. Replace missing guards and controls at once.

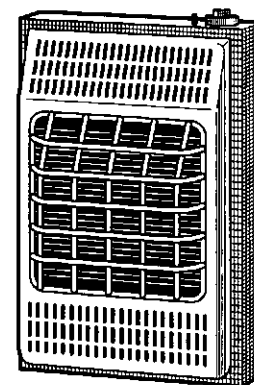
Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions. A suggestion is that you read aloud the instructions to all family members to be certain that everyone understands how the heater operates. Keep the owner's manual in a convenient place to refer to if needed.

Locate your heater on a level surface, such as the floor. Do not use electric heaters in moist or wet places such as bathrooms, as part of the heater might be damaged and a fire or shock hazard may result. Never touch an electric heater if any part of your body is wet.

Locate your heater at least three feet away from things that could catch fire such as; draperies, furniture, or bedding. Never use heaters to dry clothes or shoes.

Never use or store flammable liquids (paint, gasoline, etc) around a space heater. The open flame or open circuit of an electric heater could ignite the flammable vapors.

Heaters used in a bedroom should be well away from the bed. Pillows and bedding could easily fall on the heater, causing a fire. Never use a space heater overnight in the room where you are sleeping. Dangerous levels of carbon monoxide could accumulate from fuel-fired heaters, or uncontrolled burning could cause a fire.



Use your heater for supplemental heat only. They are not designed to be your sole source of heat.

Your heater should not be used to heat animals or to protect water equipment from freezing.

Unplug your electric heater when not in use. When unplugging the heater, pull the plug - not the cord.

Plug your heater into a single wall receptacle without another appliance. Check the plug while in operation and replace the receptacle and/or plug if the plug overheats. Never use a heater with a frayed or damaged cord. Always plug the heater into the wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord unless absolutely necessary. Using an extension cord with high voltage appliances can start a fire. If you must use an extension cord, it must be marked #14 or #12 AWG. Only use extension cords bearing the label of an independent testing laboratory, such as U.L. or E.T.L.

Always use the proper fuel for liquid-fueled heaters, be sure that they are vented properly, refill them only in well-ventilated areas, and when they are completely cool. Never fill the fuel tank of a kerosene heater beyond the full mark because as the fuel warms, it expands and could spill and cause a fire. NEVER refuel with gasoline, only use 1-K kerosene. Keep kerosene stored outside in a sealed blue container labeled "Kerosene".

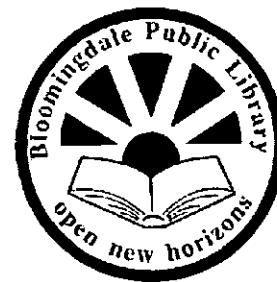
Do NOT leave your heater unattended around children, pets or the elderly.

The surface of an operating heater is very hot. Do NOT touch!

Remember to equip your home with at least one smoke detector on each floor.

For further information contact your local fire department or the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website @ www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/pub_idx.html, and search for publications relating to space heaters.

Off the Shelf



BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 2 Bloomington Historical Society 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- *2 Adult Program - Health Strategies 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- *3 Historical Book Discussion Group 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- *4 YS - Needlepoint Craft (3rd gr and up) 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 10 Bloomington Seniors 11:00-3:00 p.m.
- 11 Culture Club 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- *11 YA Program - Valentine's Day 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 11 Library Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Writer's Group 9:00-Noon
- *15 Mother/Daughter Book Club (5th-8th gr) 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- *15 Adult Program - Gershwin 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- *16 YS - Paper Airplane Workshop (3rd gr up) 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- *18 Adult Book Discussion Group 10:00-11:30 p.m.
- 18 Bloomington Garden Club 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- 18 Bloomington Quilt Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- *18 Adult Program - Home Buying 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 19 Adult Book Discussion Group 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- *23 YS - Little House Celebration 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 25 Writer's Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 26 Bloomington Genealogy Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- *29 Bloomington Historical Society Reflections Program 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 29 YS Seussentennial Week Begins

MARCH

- *1 YS - Author/Illustrator Workshop 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 1 Bloomington Historical Society 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- *2 Historical Book Discussion Group 10:00-11:30 p.m.
- 9 Bloomington Seniors 11:00-3:00 p.m.
- *9 YS - Froebel Block Family Workshop 6:45-8:30 p.m.
- *10 YS - Pigs and Pancakes (1st gr and up) 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- *10 Adult Program - Faux Finishing 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 10 Culture Club 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 10 Library Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Writer's Group 9:00-Noon
- *17 Adult Book Discussion 10:00-11:30 p.m.
- *17 YA Program - St. Patrick's Game Night 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 17 Bloomington Quilt Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- *18 Adult Book Discussion Group 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- *21 Mother/Daughter Book Club (5th-8th gr) 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- *24 Adult Program - This is Your Life 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 24 Writer's Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 25 Bloomington Genealogy Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.

FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AVAILABLE

The library has federal and Illinois income tax forms available to the public. The most common forms are free. The less popular forms may be photocopied from a master for 10 cents per copy, or downloaded from the IRS website at the Reference Desk. If you would like to download forms from your home computer, the websites are as follows: Federal, www.irs.gov, and Illinois, www.revenue.state.il.us. Look for the "forms" link to find the one you need.

NEW READERS' SERVICES DESK AT THE LIBRARY!

The Bloomington Public Library now has a special Readers' Services Desk to help serve your fiction reading interests. For example, are you on a waiting list to read *The Da Vinci Code*? Staff at this desk have suggestions of other similar books to read while you're waiting. Would you like to know when an author's next book is due out? The readers' advisor can help with that, too. Even if you want just want a suggestion for a good book, please stop by our desk, located at the entrance to the fiction area. The desk is staffed Monday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED (630) 529-3120

Youth Services Department WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

SCHOOL AGE SPECIALS



VALENTINE'S DAY NEEDLEPOINT CRAFT

Wednesday, February 4
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Grades 3 and Up

Come to the library and learn to needlepoint a bookmark or a magnet. You can make it as a Valentine gift for someone special or keep it for yourself. Needlepoint is a fun way to relax and helps develop hand eye coordination at the same time. Stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 529-3120 ext. 332 to register.



PAPER AIRPLANE WORKSHOP

Monday, February 16
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Grades 3 and Up

Help us celebrate Orville and Wilbur Wright's 100th Anniversary of Flight. We will explore what it means to fly, and then create our own paper airplanes. The final activity will consist of testing the airplanes' ability to fly. If you are curious about flying airplanes or want to be a pilot someday, this program is for you. Stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 529-3120 ext. 332 to register.



A LITTLE HOUSE CELEBRATION

Monday, February 23
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Grades 2 and Up

Join us in February as we celebrate Laura Ingalls Wilder's birthday. We'll do some crafts, play games and learn some Little House lore. Stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 529-3120 ext. 332 to register.



AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP

Monday, March 1
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Grades 3 and Up

If You Give A _____ A _____. Write your own catchy title and create a short story based on the pattern of Laura Numeroff stories: *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*, *If You Give A Pig A Pancake*, *If You Take A Mouse To School*, *If You Take A Mouse To The Movies*, and *If You Give A Moose A Muffin*. Bring your ideas for a cause and effect story and illustrations on your day off from school for an opportunity to be an author and illustrator. Call the Youth Services Department at 630-529-3120 ext. 332 to register.



FROEBEL BLOCK FAMILY WORKSHOP

Tuesday, March 9
6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

This workshop is designed for families to participate together. Children must be at least 5 years old and children in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades will especially enjoy using the geometric shapes that underline nature, art, and design. These are the same kind of blocks that Frank Lloyd Wright used. The Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust returns to the Bloomingdale Public Library for an encore presentation. If you love building with blocks and/or legos, you will love this workshop. Registration is required by calling 630-529-3120 ext. 332.



PIGS AND PANCAKES

Wednesday, March 10
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Grades 1 and Up

Pigs and pancakes?! What? You've never heard of pigs in a blanket? Come join us for crafts and fun as we discover this dynamic duo. Stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 529-3120 ext. 332 to register.

CELEBRATE SEUSSENTENNIAL WEEK

Can you believe it's Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday? Come and celebrate during our weeklong Seussentennial Celebration.

DR. SEUSS TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Sunday February 29 - Saturday March 6

Stop at the Youth Services Desk anytime during our Seussentennial Week and take our trivia challenge. We'll have two different challenges for the young and the old. Let the truth be told who truly knows Dr. Seuss. Everyone will receive a prize for completing the challenge.

GREEN EGGS AND HAM

Monday, March 1
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Ages: 3-7 years old

Do you like green eggs and ham? You can eat them in a tree, you can eat them in the library. What's that you say, you've never tried green eggs and ham? Oh you will like them, you will see, but do not eat them in a tree. Just come to the library. Eat them with us. You have no school, so it is a must. Please register at the Youth Services Desk or call 529-3120 ext. 332. This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library Cardholders only.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SEUSS

Tuesday, March 2
4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Ages 3-7 years old

We will have cake, balloons, hullabaloo, singing, games, and more for you. We'll venture to Katroo to hear the birthday horn and celebrate the day Dr. Seuss was born. Don't miss this Seussian party and please, please, please don't be tardy! Please register at the Youth Services Desk or call 529-3120 ext. 332.

HIS FEET, HER FEET, MY FEET, YOUR FEET

Wednesday, March 3
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
or
Thursday, March 4
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Ages 3-5 years old

We all have feet and they are fun. You use them when you jump and run. We'll use our feet to make a painted path. We'll play twister and do a little math. We'll read the foot book and you will see who has bigger feet, you or me? Please register at the Youth Services Desk or call 529-3120 ext. 332. This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library Cardholders only.

Youth Services Department

WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR WINTER STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Stop by the Youth Services Desk or call (630) 529-3120 ext. 332 to register. Please have your library card when you register.

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

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

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

Spring Programming begins the week of March 15

Spring Programming ends the week of April 26

There will be no classes held the week of March 29-April 2

STORYTIMES

Programs for Newborns through Kindergarteners. Registered storytimes are limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.

ROMPER RHYMES (Birth - 15 months)

Tuesdays, March 16 - April 27

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

***No class March 30**

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, March 16 - April 27

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

***No class March 30**

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.

TWO'S AND THREE'S TOGETHER

(24 months and older)

Wednesdays, March 17 - April 28

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

***No class March 31**

This is a multi-age story program for children 24 months of age and older. While this is structured for 2 and 3 year olds accompanied by a parent or caregiver, older siblings are welcome. This storytime is designed to help children develop listening skills and features stories, songs and musical activities.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (ages 3 - 5)

Mondays, March 15 - April 26

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

***No class March 29**

Thursdays, March 18 - April 29

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

***No class April 1**

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 Kindergarten Kapers program information.

PRIMARY CONNECTIONS (K- 1st)

Mondays, March 15 - April 26

4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

***No class March 29**

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.



WINTER READING PROGRAMS

Winter Reading Programs start on the day you register and end on Saturday, February 21.

PLEASE REGISTER IN PERSON TO GET YOUR MATERIALS.

"BOOKS ARE COOL!"

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

Families keep track of the reading and listening time on the log provided at registration. **Turn in completed reading log to the Youth Services Reference Desk between January 19 and February 21 to enter the PRIZE DRAWING. Sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk.**

"READ TO SUCCEED"

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

Participants in this reading program have the chance to win exciting prizes, such as Chicago Wolves merchandise! Register in person at the Youth Services Desk. **Turn in completed reading log to the Youth Services Reference Desk between January 19 and February 21 to enter the PRIZE DRAWING.**

Adult Services Department

WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS

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



GERSHWINS TO NOW
Sunday, February 15
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us as singer and guitarist Cat Catalani takes the audience on a tour of the Great Age of American Song. The audience can expect hits from the 1930s and '40s by the Gershwins, Duke Ellington and others, such as: *Side by Side*, *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*, and *Let's Call the Whole Thing Off*. Cat will also play a variety of tunes from the latter half of the 20th century and a sampling of her own original songs. All ages welcome!



HOME BUYING PROCESS
Wednesday, February 18
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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



FAUX FINISHING
Wednesday, March 10
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Want to know the secrets to those great paint finishes you see in model homes or on TV? Jackie Paul, of Bijak Designs, will demonstrate popular faux finishing techniques including ragging, stippling, and blending. Take these new skills and make your home look like a showplace!



THIS IS YOUR LIFE
Wednesday, March 24
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

By attending this seminar, conducted by local attorney, John Pankau, you will learn how to protect your assets and how to keep from paying huge sums of money to Uncle Sam. Learn about avoiding probate - a process that is costly and lengthy; you will learn the difference between a will and a trust and why you may need one or both.



BUTTERFLIES: MAGIC IN THE GARDEN
Saturday, April 3
2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Master Gardener, Eileen Kostock, will uncover the secrets behind the many ways to attract butterflies. Learn about the butterfly life cycle, migration habits, and plant preferences. This event is provided by the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners Program.

TEEN PROGRAMS

(Grades 6-12)



A CHOCOLATE CELEBRATION
Wednesday, February 11
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Calling all chocoholics, this program is for you! We will be melting chocolate into candy molds to make beautiful chocolate creations for your special someone on Valentine's Day. To register, please call 529-3120 ext. 324 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk. Registration is limited to 10 people.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY GAME NIGHT
Wednesday, March 17
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Press your luck with us during our St. Patrick's Day Game Night. Bring your friends and press your luck as we play a variety of board games. If you're really lucky you'll win a door prize. As always, refreshments will be served. Please register by calling 529-3120 ext. 324 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE THANK YOUS

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the following for participating in the Adopt-A-Magazine program:

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PEOPLE EDUCATING PEOPLE

Join the People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from College of DuPage as a volunteer classroom aide. We're seeking experienced volunteers to help adult students learn English as a Second Language (ESL). Class sites include Addison, Lombard, Glen Ellyn and Warrenville. Day and evening assignments are available. If you have prior tutor training or a teaching background and are interested in volunteering, call (630) 942-3788 for more information.

WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Beat the winter blues by joining a Bloomingdale Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group! Copies of our current book selection are available at the Adult Reference Desk. Join us for a fun and thought-provoking discussion. Newcomers are always welcome.

The adult group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 and the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Our selections for February and March are as follows:

February 18,19	<i>The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down</i> by Anne Fadiman
March 17,18	<i>The Red Tent</i> by Anita Diamant

The morning historical book group meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Book selections for February and March are:

February 3	<i>Refinements of Love</i> by Sarah Booth Conroy
March 2	<i>Twenty Years at Hull House</i> by Jane Addams

The Science Fiction/Fantasy Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Book selections for February and March are:

February 12	<i>The Onion Girl</i> by Charles DeLint
March 11	<i>Lord Foul's Bane</i> by Stephen R. Donaldson

NEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

We have added some new subscriptions to our magazine area. Look for these next time you are at the library:

Ancestry
Body and Soul
Cooks Illustrated
Cinescape
Outside
Saveur
US Journal
Yoga Journal

ESPECIALLY FOR TEENS

Animerica
Teen Voices
Transworld Snowboarding
Transworld Skateboarding
YM

Bloomingdale Historical Society Reflections Program Sunday, February 29 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

TREASURED TOPPERS

Join us as Susan Kohl-Jankowski, artist and collector, shares her collection of historical hats and accessories. Through Kohl-Jankowski's delightful narrative, attendees will find out how historical events influenced fashion and the people that wore it. This interactive program is an enjoyable mix of music, nostalgia, history and entertainment that begins with items from the early 1900s and progresses decade by decade through the 20th century. Following the program, please feel free to visit the Local History Department's display of vintage shoes, purses, hats, and hatpins on the upper level of the library.

NEW GENEALOGY GROUP

Are you interested in researching your family tree? Have you already started and have questions as to how to proceed? Join our Local History Librarian, Annamarie Erickson, for informal help every fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The first meeting will be February 26.

Computer Lab

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

Adult Computer Course

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

Monday	March 8	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 9	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday	March 15	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 16	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday	March 22	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 23	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

Adults Computer Course Outline

Sessions 1 and 2:

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

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

Sessions 3 and 4:

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

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

Sessions 5 and 6

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE PERSONAL COMPUTER

Tuesday February 10, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

WINDOWS XP

Wednesday February 11, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will examine the new features of Windows XP that casual users are likely to notice and would have the opportunity to take advantage of. Will also illustrate specific differences between XP and older versions of Windows to help users adapt to the changes. (Having taken "Introduction to the Personal Computer" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

USING THE INTERNET

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

Instructor: Sean

This course will cover all from the most basic Internet questions and topics to more intermediate material such as search engines and downloading. This class is intended for those with little or no computer experience.

INTRODUCTION TO WORD

Saturday February 14, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

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USING EMAIL

Tuesday February 24, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

INTERMEDIATE WORD

Wednesday February 25, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

ADVANCED WORD

Wednesday March 10, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

DESIGNING WEB PAGES WITH HTML

Wednesday March 17, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

In this course we'll learn how to create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover basic topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors, as well as more advanced design topics. While the library does not provide a location on the internet for students to post their web page, they will learn the skills required to develop one. This class is intended to be introductory but some internet experience may help to understand topics discussed. (Having taken "Using the Internet" is recommended.)

CREATING A WEB SITE

Wednesday March 24, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will pick up where "Designing Web Pages With HTML" left off. It will teach students how to acquire web space online, transfer their files to the Internet, weave together multiple pages to make their web sites more efficient and easier to understand, and cover more advanced HTML topics more thoroughly. (Having taken "Creating Web Pages With HTML" or equivalent experience is strongly recommended.)



DROP-IN STORYTIMES

*THE FOLLOWING TWO STORYTIMES DO NOT
REQUIRE REGISTRATION*

FAMILY STORYTIME (All ages)

Mondays, March 15 - April 26

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

*No class March 29

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, March 16 - April 27

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

* No class March 30

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!



Mother Daughter Book Club

Grades 5-8

We continue our book club at this time for moms and daughters who joy reading for fun. We will meet for the following three Sunday afternoons to share satisfying conversations about literature and life.

First Discussion

Sunday, February 15

Second Discussion

Sunday, March 21

Third Discussion

Sunday, April 18

If you would like to learn about the book club format and would like to attend please register now at the Youth Services Reference Desk in person or by phone at (630) 529-3120 ext. 331 or 332.

4th Annual

Breakfast/Brunch with the Bunny

Sponsored by the
Bloomington Public Library and the Bloomington Golf Club

Held at the Bloomington Golf Club
181 Glen Ellyn Road
In Bloomington

Saturday, March 20, 2004

Breakfast with the Bunny

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

(Breakfast menu: cereal, eggs, sausage, ham, hash brown potatoes,
mini-Danish pastries and beverages)

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

(Crafts, Egg Hunt, and visits with the Bunny.
Photos with the Bunny will be available, payable at the Breakfast.)

- OR -

Brunch with the Bunny

Brunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Brunch menu: cereal, eggs, sausage, ham, hash brown potatoes,
mini-Danish pastries and beverages)

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

(Crafts, Egg Hunt, and visits with the Bunny.
Photos with the Bunny will be available, payable at the Brunch.)

**Tickets will be available beginning
at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7th
in the Library Business Office.**

The cost of the event is:

\$11.00 per adult,

\$8.00 per child (ages 4-12)

Free for kids under age 4

***(PLEASE NOTE: A ticket is required for all
children under age 4.)***



Bloomingtondale Park District

We're right around the corner!

Don't Miss Out On These Great Winter & Spring Events!

For more information, call 529-3650 or check us out at www.bloomingtondaleparks.org

Preschool Registration Begins in February

Preschool registration for residents for the 2004-2005 school year begins February 9. All classes are held at the Bloomingtondale Park District's Johnston Recreation Center and are offered two, three, or four days per week. Intro to Preschool classes are designed for 2.5 to 3 year olds, Tiny Tot classes are designed for 3 and 4 year olds and Pre Kindergarten classes are for those children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2005. Please call for specific days, times and fees.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Feb. 21 - 7:00pm

This is the perfect evening for dads and daughters to spend together. The annual Daddy Daughter Dance is for girls age 3-12 and their dads. Register early to reserve your spot! The fee is \$22 per couple for residents, and \$27 per couple for nonresidents. Additional children are \$11 each. The dance is held in the JRC gym.

Mom & Me Garden Tea Party

Accepting Registrations Now!

Moms can get in the fun too and join us in the garden for an enchanting afternoon tea. The Museum will be transformed into a beautiful garden setting for mom and daughter to spend the afternoon together crafting, playing a garden game, and enjoying tea and sweets. Mom & Me Garden Tea Party is March 14 from 2-3:30pm for ages 5-12 and their moms. Fee is \$18 per couple for residents, and \$23 per couple for nonresidents. Register at the JRC office or online at www.bloomingtondaleparks.org.

Summer Day Camp Registration Begins in February

Summer Fun! Walk-in registration for residents will be accepted beginning February 2. Call the Park District for details at 529-3650 or visit our website.

Spring Break Camps Offered For Every Interest!

The following camps are offered March 31-April 4 for a variety of ages. Choose which camp your child would enjoy best!

Soccer Camp

Art Excellence Camp

Spring Break Hogwarts Adventure Camp

Call the Park District at 529-3650 for more information, or visit us online at www.bloomingtondaleparks.org.

Guitar Lessons

Saturdays - Beginning March 6

Learn to play the guitar or brush up on basic chords, finger styles, tablature, and notation. No experience is necessary. Newcomers and experienced students are welcome. Just bring your own guitar. Electric guitars are welcome as well. Fee is \$80-resident, \$85-nonresident. Class takes place March 6 through April 17. Call the Park District for details.



Try something new with... Chess



Youth ages 7-12 who are chess beginners & novices alike will learn something new or more in depth at each class of Chess. Class will consist of approximately one hour of teaching/puzzle solving & one hour of head to head chess games. Chess is offered Saturdays from 10:30-12:45, Jan. 17-Feb. 21 and March 6-April 17 at the JRC. Fee is \$35-residents, \$40-nonresident.

The Art of Craft

Youth in grades 1-5 who are aspiring artists/creators will enjoy The Art of Craft on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00pm, January 20-February 10 and March 2-March 23 at the JRC. Students will be encouraged to use their skills & imagination to compose their very own masterpieces. Fee is \$32-residents, \$37-nonresidents.

Italianfest! Adult Trip

March 26, 11:00am-4:00pm

Join us for a showcase of music and song, comedy, and fun, certain to bring out the Italian in all of us at Alta Villa's Italianfest in Addison. Enjoy this afternoon luncheon show and sing-a-long. Registration deadline is March 4, 2004 so register today! Fee is \$37 for residents and \$42 for nonresidents and includes lunch, show, and transportation from the JRC.



At the Museum...

Hocus Focus - Photo 2004

Now-February 28

This very popular annual juried exhibition of photography will include work in black and white, color, and digital. Cash awards and ribbons will be presented.

21st Bloomingtondale Student Art Show

March 27-April 24

Opening Reception: Sunday, April 4, 2-4pm

This 21st annual show will feature the creative talents of students ranging from kindergarten through high school representing the Bloomingtondale area schools.

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Sandra Tenuto's Freelance Photography Gets National Attention

Sandra Tenuto, daughter of former Mayor Sam and Donna Tenuto, has made quite a name for herself as an established freelance photographer whose images have been featured in national magazines from Sports Illustrated and NBA Inside stuff to Good Housekeeping and Time for almost 10 years.

She is also very involved in community service. Three years ago, the 30-year old found a way to combine her creativity and her love for children by volunteering for Free Arts of Arizona, an organization dedicated to providing the healing effects of art to abused, neglected and homeless children.

As a Free Arts mentor, she brings a weekly art project to youngsters ages 2 – 13. The art projects are therapeutic and offer a safe way for youngsters to express their feelings. Completing the project helps provide them with a sense of accomplishment, as well as to renew their self esteem.

Inspired by her volunteer work, Tenuto founded the FairPlay Foundation in 2002, which creates opportunities for athletes, celebrities and the affluent to give back to the community. The young woman also created a book called America's Athletes, which is a photographic essay of more than 50 American athletes and their comments on community, the unity of sports, the tragedy of 9/11 and on America. Proceeds from the book help support charities chosen by each featured athlete.

Sandy credits her Dad, who was involved with local politics for more than 20 years, with teaching her the importance of public service. You can learn more about Sandy's book and/or order it at www.americasathletes.com.

Bloomingdale Firefighter Serving in Middle East

Matt McAloon, Bloomingdale resident and firefighter-paramedic was deployed last month to the Middle East for one year, possibly two. Trained as a combat medical specialist, McAloon has reported to an undisclosed training base for about a month before being deployed to the Persian Gulf region. He leaves his wife, Sally and three daughters here at home.



"I can't say where exactly I'll be going," said the 33-year-old veteran of the first Gulf War. "I'm sure I'll be going somewhere that I've been before, just about 13 years ago or so."

McAloon is a Navy corpsman and will be assigned to a Marine platoon specializing in heavy weapons, rockets and missiles. Judging from his past experiences, he thinks he and two other medics will travel with a platoon of 30 – 60 Marines. They will help them with whatever they need, including mending them up quickly on the battlefield.

We wish Matt all the best and will keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Have You Registered to Vote? Do It by February 17!

The last date to register to vote for the March 16 Primary is Tuesday, February 17. If you have moved since the last election, you must re-register (if you have moved from one county to another) or transfer your registration (if you have moved within the same county).

In-person absentee voting will be available at the Village Hall beginning Monday, February 23 through 3 p.m. Monday, March 15. Hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. – Noon on Saturdays.

