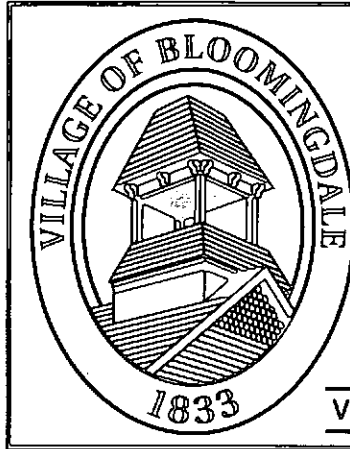


Happy Father's Day!



The Village Almanac

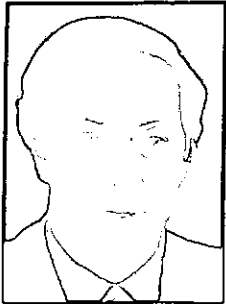
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From the Mayor's Desk

FAMILY FEST 1996
JUNE 27, 28, 29 & 30



Robert G. Iden

It's that time of year again - time to mark your calendars with the above dates, and come to the Bloomingdale Family Fest at Lake Street and Springfield Drive.

The Fest will open on Thursday, June 27th from 6:00-11:00 PM with carnival rides, games and food. The beer garden will also be open with J.P. and the Cats entertaining on the Garden Stage. Beginning at noon on Friday, June 28th the Fest will offer walk-around entertainment, a petting zoo with exotic animals, pony and camel rides and pig races with featured attractions that will continue until Sunday evening. The weekend activities will climax with the Village's traditional fireworks display co-sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Park District.

Advance ride tickets can be purchased until June 26 at the Village Hall, Bloomingdale Library, Citibank (Army Trail Road), Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, and 1st Chicago (two Bloomingdale locations). A sheet of 40 tickets is \$20.00, a \$30.00 value.

Attractions this year will include The Grass Roots on the Main Stage Friday evening with Deluxury at the Garden

Stage. Saturday's Garden Stage entertainment will consist of Scott May & Amy Lowe and Simply Vintage. The Main Stage will feature The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band from 8:30-9:45. Sunday's Garden Stage lineup will be the Gram/Archer Duo, and Guy Lawrence & Chideco Zydeco. The Main Stage entertainment includes The Diamonds, 8:00-9:30. There will also be magicians, a face painter, a "wacky" mime, and a stilt-walker/balloonist.

Twenty-five vendors will be offering a delicious variety of edibles. Be prepared to go from root beer floats, corn-on-the-cob, curly fries, sandwiches, to funnel cakes, egg rolls, ice cream, pizza, and much more!

Free shuttle bus service will be available from Winnebago School, Westfield and Stratford Junior High Schools, and Indian

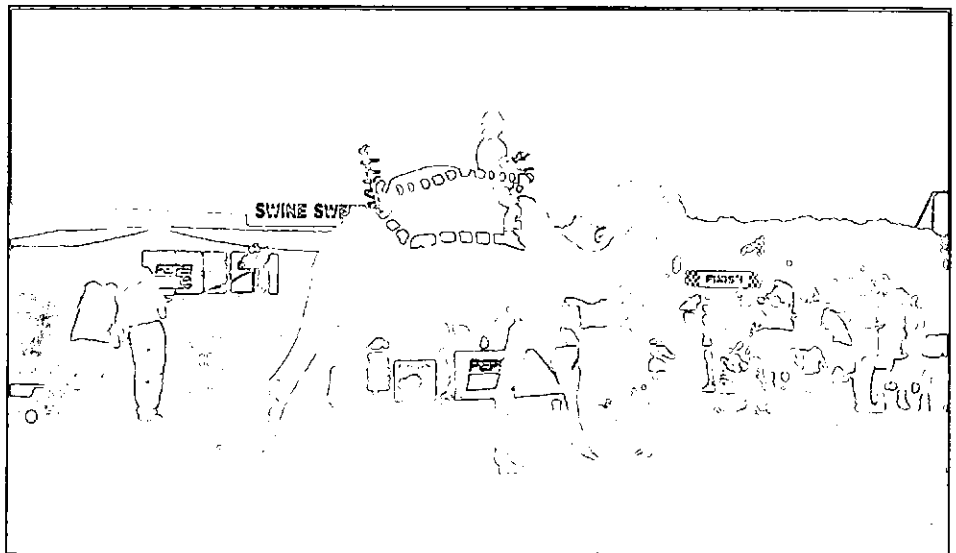
Lakes Country Club on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The shuttle buses will run from 12:00 noon until 12:30 AM.

All events and facilities are wheelchair accessible. Should you require special arrangements or further information concerning accessibility, please call Frank or Roy at the Police Department, 529-9868.

We are very proud of our Family Fest and are grateful to the committee who puts so many hours into making it happen. There are still some openings for volunteers to work during the fest in ticket booths. If you're interested, call Mary Rodne at 529-3120. See you there!

Sincerely,

Robert G. Iden
Village President



**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 PM – Village Hall

ETHICS COMMITTEE
1st Wednesday in May
7:30 PM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month
7:30 PM – Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION
1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month
7:30 PM – Village Hall

**BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS**
3rd Thursday of every month
6:00 PM – Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD
Quarterly beginning in January
2nd Wednesday
7:00 PM – Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2nd Wednesday of every month
7:30 PM – Library

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board of Directors Meeting
1st Thursday of every month
8:00 AM – Indian Lakes -
Illinois Room

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION
3rd Wednesday of the month
(except September & October)
7p.m. - Library

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION
3rd Wednesday of the month
March-December
7 p.m. - Village Hall

**BUSINESS PROMOTION &
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**
4th Tuesday of the month
7:30 p.m. - Village Hall

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
2nd Tuesday of the month
7:30 p.m. - Firehouse, 108 W. Washington

The following committees meet on a less regular basis or as needed. Call the Village Hall at 893-7000 for the next scheduled meeting.

ADA COMMITTEE
As needed

TRAFFIC CONCERNS COMMITTEE
Quarterly or as needed

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Six times a year or as needed

**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Robert G. Iden
Village President

Harriet Ford
Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

Patrick S. DeMoon
Police and Community Relations

Ray Friscia
*Legal & Intergovernmental
Relations*

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

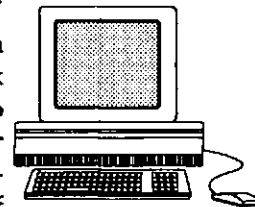
Dorothy Lester
Public Works and Services

Anthony B. Mulizio
Finance and Personnel

Gloria Reyes
*Business Development
& Social Services*

**We're "On Line" With
E-Mail . . . And We'd Love
to Hear From You!**

The Village Administrator's office is set up to receive E-mail. So if you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, the address is:



wenner@interaccess.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

REMINDER:

**4th of July is a
refuse collection
holiday**



Be a Friend of Septemberfest!!!

This is the fourth year that the Septemberfest Committee is promoting "Friends of Septemberfest" to encourage Bloomingdale residents to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund for the Septemberfest King and Queen. Individuals donating \$10 or more will be listed on the donor signage at Septemberfest under the "Friends" heading.

To become a "Friend", fill out the form above and mail it to the Bloomingdale Village Hall.

FRIEND OF SEPTEMBERFEST

YES! Count me in as a Friend of Septemberfest. I want to help ensure that our King and Queen and their court will continue to receive scholarships for their continuing education.

Name (as you wish it to be listed) _____

Address _____

(daytime phone) _____ (evening phone) _____

I am enclosing a check for \$10, made payable to Septemberfest '96.

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

Commercial Water Billings To Be Converted to Bi-monthly Cycle

In June Northern Illinois Gas representatives will begin reading commercial and multi-unit customers' water meters. At this time the Village will also be converting those same customers' billing cycle to a bi-monthly, rather than monthly, billing cycle.

During the initial conversion period, businesses and multi-unit customers may experience a slightly lower or higher bill than "normal" as a result of more or fewer days in the billing period. Following this conversion period, the bi-monthly bills will be for a relatively consistent 60-day period and the amounts of the bill will only change as more or less water is used.

The purpose of this change is to control costs. The Village has already seen benefits from doing the same with residential utility billing.

For your safety and protection, NiGas personnel will be in uniform and are required to carry a photo-ID.

Questions about this change may be addressed to the Village's Finance Department at 893-7000.

PLEASE NOTE: These changes will not affect current residential billing at all.

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Village Mourns Deaths of Two Co-workers

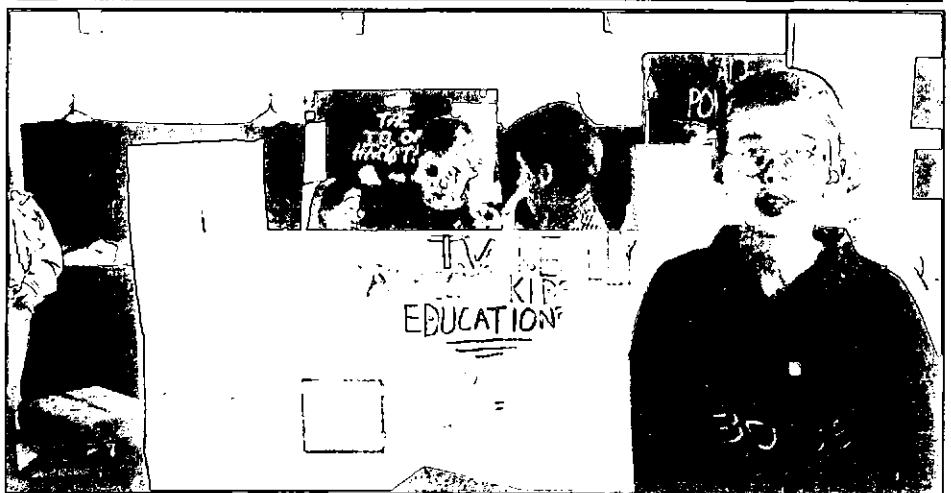
Residents may have noticed the purple bunting across the front of the Village Hall in recent weeks. The Village staff was saddened by the passing of two well-loved co-workers. Joyce Morrison, executive secretary in the Legal Department for 5 years, passed away April 17. Sam Masella, a 13-year Public Works employee, passed away May 2. They are both missed greatly. We extend our deepest sympathies to their families.

Congratulations, Finance Department!

Congratulations are in order to the Finance Department on the sixth consecutive year they have earned a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. The attainment of a certificate of achievement represents a significant accomplishment for a government and its management and is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting.



Journey into Learning: School District 13 students showcased their year-long academic work during the district's "Journey of Learning" program. Developed to familiarize parents with a variety of coursework and projects completed during the year, the activity enjoys a spectacular 90 percent attendance rate.



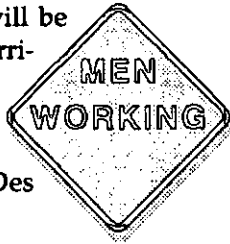
TV & kids: Nicholas Zombolos, fifth grade Hall School student science fair project asked the question, "Does TV really affect kids' education?" His study showed the kids who received the best grades in school watch TV more often than those students receiving low grades. (uh-oh)

News For You About Village Services

ROAD CONSTRUCTION -- SUMMER, 1996

The Village is reconstructing Lynbrook Drive south of 195 Lynbrook Drive, Longridge Drive south of 200 Longridge Drive, Royce Drive north of 182 Royce Drive and Royce Court. This project includes removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pavement including curbs and gutters, and road base. The new road pavement on Royce Drive and Royce Court will be the same width as the existing road; no widening is planned. Pavement width on Lynbrook Drive and Longridge Drive will be one foot narrower than existing to allow for protection to tree root system in narrow parkway areas during construction. All work is funded 100% by the Village.

This work will begin during the first week of June and will take approximately 3 months to complete. During construction, the road will be closed to through traffic. If you live in the construction zone, or on one of the adjacent streets you will be permitted to proceed past the barricades to reach your residence.



The contractor for this project is A. Lamp Concrete Contractors of Des Plaines Illinois, 847-635-3060.

Motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the construction zone to avoid delays. Local detour signage will be posted prior to construction.

As part of this project, the Village will be installing a depressed curb at each driveway. This means the "bump" at the curb of each driveway is being eliminated, and a smooth transition from the street to each driveway will be constructed. The Village will also be reconstructing the driveway aprons, that is, the concrete driveway between the sidewalk and the curb, as part of the project.

If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Street Construction Hotline at the Village Hall, Engineering Division, 893-7073 Ext. 259.

INDIAN LAKES WEST SANITARY SEWER PROJECT - SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #7

Our contractor will be returning to the project area to complete the work necessary to finish the project.

All sanitary sewer is installed, tested and ready for connection if you wish to connect. A permit from the

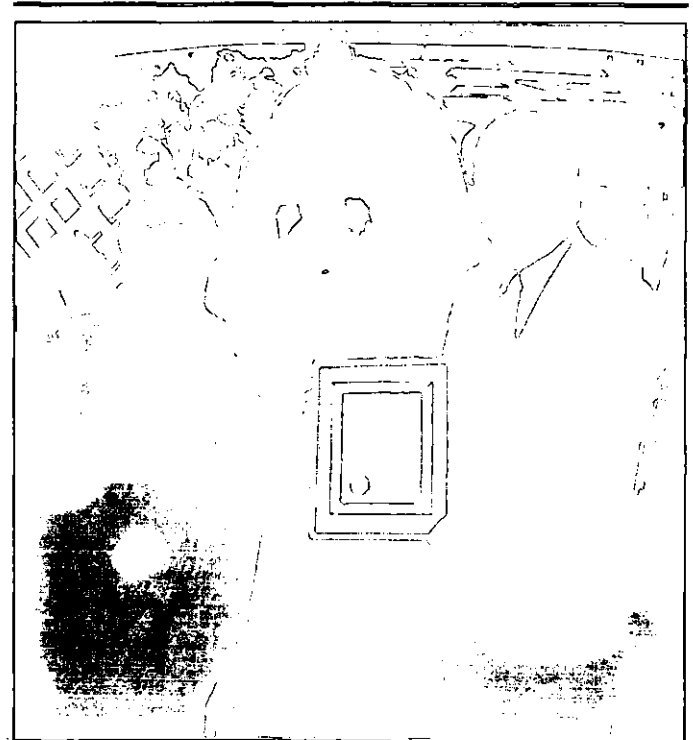
Village Services Department - Building Division is required prior to connection to the sewer.

As weather permits, the contractor and landscaper will be working on filling of settlement in trenches, re-seeding of lawn areas where seed has not germinated, repairing ruts at edge of road, repair of mailboxes and restoring positive drainage adjacent to the road.



If you have any questions, comments or need other information regarding this project, please call the project hotline at 893-7073 x232.

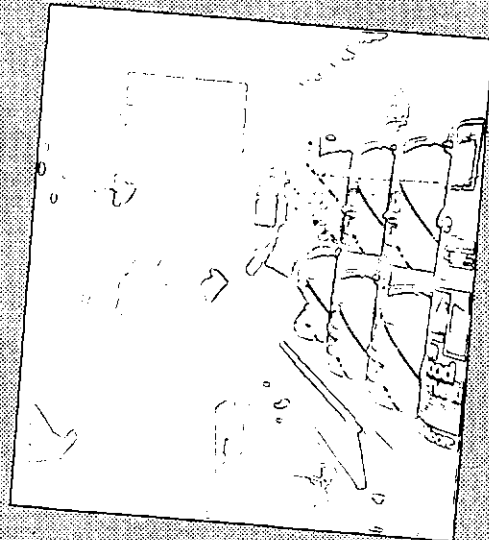
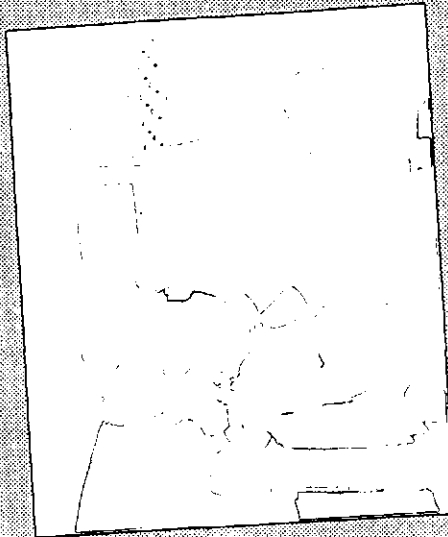
**REMINDER:
THE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE
CLOSED ON SUMMER
SATURDAYS
THROUGH LABOR DAY**



Alden Valley Easter Bunny: Mayor Robert Iden presents a special proclamation to the Easter Bunny and Michele Brousek, Alden Valley Ridge Administrator at Alden's Easter Extravaganza on April 30.

Career Day, 1996

On May 10, over 100 Bloomingdale youngsters from 10 area schools took part in Career Day, giving them hands-on experience in different career fields. Participants included School District 13, Bloomingdale village government, fire, police & public works departments, library, park district, township and Chamber of Commerce members.



THINK TREES

RESPECT TREES WHEN MOWING THE LAWN

The average home lawn may be mowed about 30 times during the spring, summer and fall. Of course, the exact number of times depends on weather conditions or personal preferences as to lawn neatness. During the heat and drought of the past season, few lawns required 30 mowings.

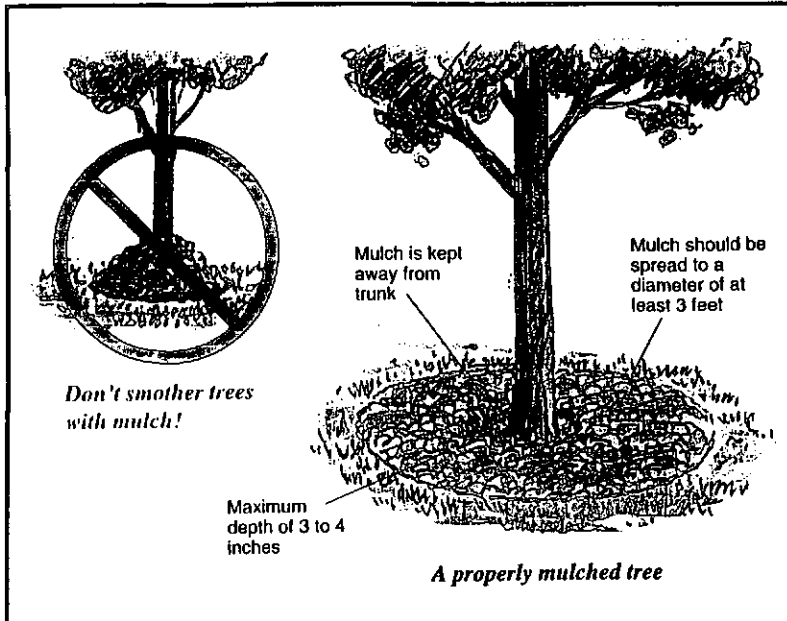
When we mow around trees it is not uncommon to bump the trunks as we try to mow as close as possible to avoid trimming around them. The small innocent bumps may pave the way for the beginning of diseases or other problems that may gradually progress as the years pass. Of course, not all bumps will be damaging, cause irreparable damage or become infected.

Young trees are most likely to be damaged by bumps from lawnmowers or other equipment. A young tree that is only a few years old has thin bark. At this stage, even light bumps will mash the bark and result in a wound. Older trees, especially those that develop thick corky bark, are better protected and have much less chance of developing such problems.

One might ask why a lawnmower bump should cause concern since trees normally recover well from pruning cuts and even natural cracks. Part of the answer is that these types of wounds normally occur higher on the tree. A lawnmower bump is close to the soil and tends to stay moist for long periods of time. Soil which contains disease organisms may also be splashed on the wound during heavy rains. Bruised bark is slow healing. The combination of slow healing and a moist environment around the wound make this damage a more likely spot for infection than other wounds.

If the fungus is present, it will enter the damaged tree and move into the vascular system of the trunk beneath the bark. This forms what is called a "canker". The fungus may gradually work its way around the trunk until the tree is girdled. While this can happen relatively fast, girdling usually takes many years. Most often it will go unnoticed until the tree gradually declines. Branches may begin to die back, growth slows, leaves become smaller and flowering or seed production may increase until the tree finally dies.

Damage may appear as slightly depressed, discolored bark which may be loose. Use a sharp knife to clean away the loose bark. Carve the edges of the wound smooth and clean so that rapid healing can take place. Above all, avoid bumping the wound a second, third or fourth time.



This does not mean that those who have bumped trees are destined to have a treeless landscape around their homes. However, use practices that avoid the chances of causing damage. Keep a bare strip of soil around the base of the tree so the grass may be easily cut without hitting the tree. The establishment and maintenance of the edge between a cultivated or mulched tree area and the grass should not be done by deep cutting the sod, which often cuts and exposes the shallow fibrous feeder roots

of the tree. These roots are critical to the tree's water and nutrient uptake, which is why mulch is so beneficial, and their destruction can be devastating. The tree area may be created by hand weeding, use of a herbicide or with a mulch around the base of the tree. If herbicides are used, keep them off the bark of the tree and follow directions carefully.

Mulching can cut down on stress by providing trees with a stable root environment that is cooler and contains more moisture than the surrounding soil. Further, mulch acts to reduce competition from surrounding weeds and turf. Organic mulch, such as composted wood chips, should be about two to four inches deep, spread out evenly to a diameter of four feet for newly planted trees and to the dripline of larger trees. Mulch that is much deeper than four inches may cause the roots to grow upward into the cool, moist mulch material. Mulch should not be stacked up against the trunk of the tree as this will also cause cankers and decay problems. A mulch depth at the trunk of one inch for young trees and two inches for mature trees is correct. Depths of eight to twelve inches will cause serious harm to your tree.

Lawnmowers are not the only garden implement that can cause damage. Be careful with the use of trimmers with rapidly rotating nylon line. Careless use of string trimmers can easily whip off the bark of young trees, creating open wounds which will result in future problems. And, in winter, snow removal activities can create similar problems.

Welcome, New Businesses!

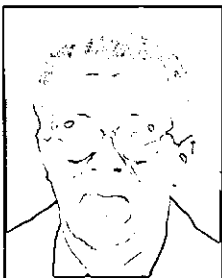
What's Behind Closed Doors can be a homeowner's dream come true - and entrepreneurs Pam Dennison and Roger King, owners of a new closet and space organization system business, hope to help clients make better use of their home environment.

The engaged couple opened their business in April after noticing an increased need for the custom design closet and storage organization service. The pair mainly targets the residential market, but will also work with commercial businesses.

Services include a free consultation and estimate based on a sketch of the proposed organization system. Behind Closed Doors also specializes in home offices to help home-based workers function more efficiently with less clutter around their workplace.

For more information or an appointment call 736-1377.

Board-certified pediatrician Dr. Mohamed Jabri recently opened his medical practice in Bloomingdale, specializing in treating children from birth to 18 years of age. In addition to his office, the physician is on staff at Glen Oaks Medical Center and Hinsdale Hospital.



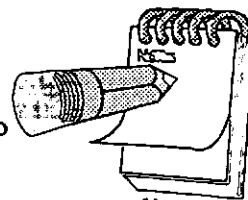
Dr. Jabri's specialties include newborn health issues, allergies and attention deficit disorder. He is also a breastfeeding advocate. The doctor takes pride in establishing a strong rapport with parents and is ardent about follow-up visits or phone calls. Languages spoken include English, Spanish and Arabic.

All major insurance, health maintenance organization and managed care plans are accepted, and discounts apply for self payments. Dr. Jabri's practice is located at 303 E. Army Trail Road. Appointments can be made by calling 980-6227. Same or next day appointment are available and after-hours phone calls are welcomed.

NEWS & NOTES

Changes to Water and Sewer Fees

The Village Board passed a new water & sewer ordinance on May 15 with the following changes to the existing ordinance.



Beginning April 1, 1996, the water & sewer rates for customers living outside of the Village's corporate boundaries will be 120 percent of the rates for customers living within the Village's corporate boundaries. There is no change to the rate for customer's living with our boundaries.

The reinstatement fee or turn-on fee to customers who have had their water discontinued due to non-payment of their bill will be increased from \$7.50 to \$25.00

Indian Lakes Receives 'Golden Links' Award

The prestigious "Golden Links" certification was awarded recently to the golf course at Indian Lakes. The honor is presented annually to about 100 courses around the country by "Corporate Meetings and Incentives" magazine, a publication for meeting planners. Managing Director Scott Warren said "We are pleased to receive this distinguished recognition. Fulfilling the rigorous standards for this honor is a tribute to our professional golf staff as well as the experienced grounds crews who care for the courses."

In other related news, "Jazz" Night Club recently opened as the main lounge at Indian Lakes Resort. Formerly called "Waves," the newly remodeled Jazz features live music on Friday and Saturday nights for listening and dancing. For more information on hours call 529-0200.

New Look for Carson Pirie and Scott Co.

Carson Pirie Scott and Co. at Stratford Square is currently undergoing a major remodeling project. "Our customers will essentially see a new store," says store manager Jane Purpura. "All of the changes - new layout, new flooring, fitting rooms and fixtures - have been designed to make the customers' shopping experience more comfortable and convenient."

In addition to the expanded merchandise departments, the entire store will be refurbished to accommodate the customers. The project is slated for completion in September.

Township Republicans Host Golf Outing

The Bloomingdale Township Republican Organization will be hosting a golf outing on Tuesday, July 9 at Glendale Golf Course. The fee includes all greens fees, carts, prizes, refreshments at every hole, lunch, dinner, and a chance to win an exciting raffle prize. Shotgun start is 11:00 AM. Dinner tickets are available for non-golfers. For more information, call Harriet Ford at 582-5220.

630 is Coming!!!

On August 3, Bloomingdale will become part of the new 630 area code. In addition to serving Bloomingdale, area code 630 will serve those residents and businesses in DuPage County, southern Kane County and the parts of Kendall and Will Counties currently in 708. (Note - some cellular phones and pagers have already been assigned numbers with the 630 area code.



Bloomingtondale Community Events

Senior Health Fair June 21

Glen Oaks Hospital & Medical Center joins Alden Valley Ridge Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center in presenting a **Senior Health Fair** from 10-3 on Friday, June 21 at Alden Valley Ridge, 275 E. Army Trail Road. A health assessment test, nutrition information, drug intervention (brown bag), as well as other screening will be available. For more information call Cathy Raymond at 893-9616.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities with DuPage Seniors

Teachers, students and other people interested in **volunteer opportunities for the summer** are encouraged to call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council. The Council is urgently seeking volunteers to help deliver meals to the homebound and to assist at the senior dining centers. At this time there is a critical need for volunteers in Bloomingtondale.

Kids Need Care

Foster homes are needed for local boys and girls ages 10-17 who need temporary, emergency foster care, not to exceed 21 days. A community-based foster home offers a safe, caring environment that is the least disruptive to the youth's school, job or network of support. For more information contact Don Hane of the Bloomingtondale Township Committee on Youth at 893-6685.

Bloomingtondale Church Day Camp Offers Kids 'World Travel'

World travel is scheduled at the Bloomingtondale Church 18th Annual Day Camp set for June 11-14. The church has been transformed into the Bloomingtondale International Airport. Youngsters will journey around the globe to learn and experience local customs, foods, etc. through crafts, games, drama and music from other countries.

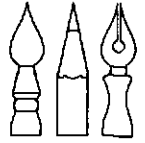
"Flight" reservations for passengers completing kindergarten to sixth grade are now being taken at the church. There is no fee. For more information, call the church at 894-0090.



Youngsters await takeoff to distant destinations.

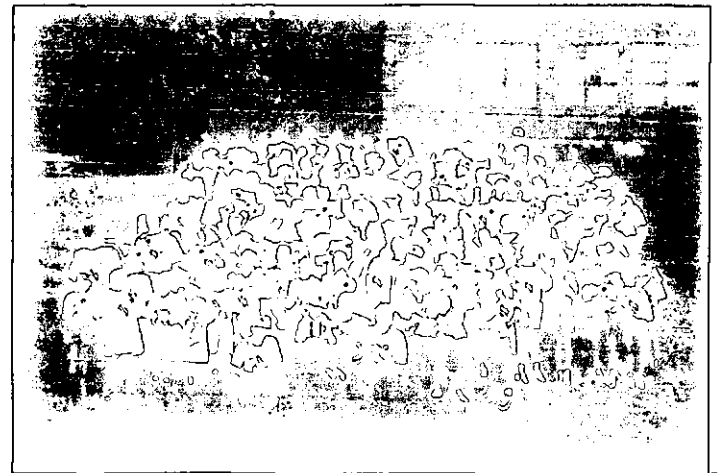
Art Events

Artwork by young area artists ages 8 to 18 is currently on display through June 30 at the **Bloomingtondale Park District Museum**. "Youth Art Competition III" showcases the talent and creativity of kids who used a variety of media to express themselves, including painting, printmaking, cartooning and three-dimensional works.



Opening June 10 at the Museum is the third annual "Culture Club Members' Show" featuring the work of some of the talented members of our local art group. The artwork, some of which will be for sale, are of varied media. A July 12 reception from 7:00-9:00 PM will kick off the exhibit and includes refreshments and entertainment. For more information on either show, call Becky at 529-3650.

Villagers Club Sends Kids to Burn Camp



Children from the 1995 Burn Camp sponsored by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance

The Villagers Club has had a year of great financial and social success. Over \$5600 was distributed to a variety of charities, made possible by the support of the community and energy and talents of the club members.

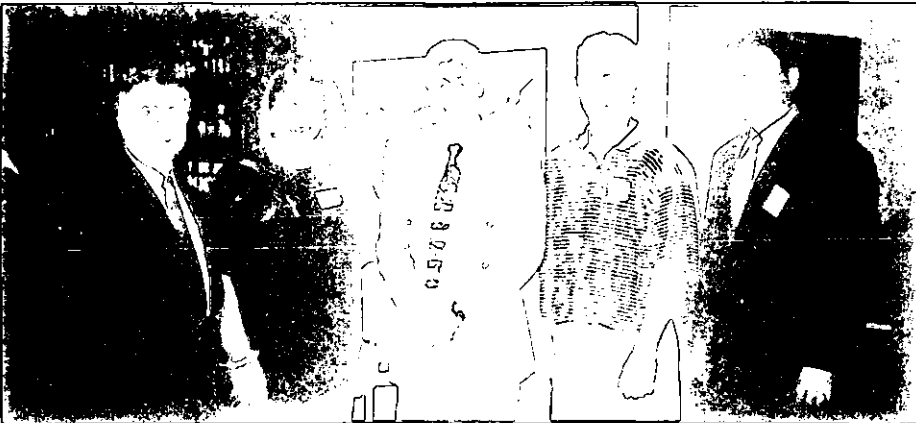
The major recipient of funds raised by the Villagers is the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance. A \$3000 donation will be used for the Summer Burn Camp for children and teens who have been injured by burns. Burn Camp provides the setting for burn survivors to share common experiences while being able to play and not feel self conscious about what others may be thinking about their scars. The activities include basic camp fun and a variety of special activities that deal with the specific needs of burn survivors.

The Trinity Adult Care Center in Roselle which helps families caring for older adults was another recipient of funds this year. In addition, \$1,020 was given to the Humanitarian Services for the children's birthday project and to help provide groceries for two needy seniors this year.

ABOUT TOWN

Scholarship winners: A number of local scholarships have been awarded to Bloomingdale seniors. The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce awarded three scholarships this year. **John Collins**, senior at Glenbard North plans to attend the University of Illinois - Chicago, majoring in Bioengineering before attending medical or graduate school. **Eric Olson**, graduating Lake Park High School wants to become a columnist or reporter after completing a four-year program at the University of Illinois - Champaign, where he will major in journalism. **Kelly Slowinski**, also of Lake Park, will attend Northwestern University, majoring in history or international business, before going on to law school.

Recipients of the Bloomingdale Women's Club scholarships are **Christine Shanahan** of Glenbard North and **Jennifer Witty** of St. St. Francis.



The three Chamber recipients Slowinski, Olson, and Collins are flanked by Scholarship Committee member Ed Levato and Jim Casement, Chamber President.

School District 13 parent teacher organizations have also awarded scholarships to former district students. **Susan Pettit**, who plans to major in accounting at the College of DuPage, was awarded a scholarship from DuJardin PTO. Westfield Junior High awarded its scholarship to **Wendy Ko** who plans to major in medicine. **Kelly Slowinski** was the recipient of Erickson's scholarship. All three young women are graduates of Lake Park High School.

Slowinski was also awarded the Padgett Business Service Scholarship, available to children of independent small business owners. Her father, Andrew Slowinski, owns and operates Slowinski Construction. As a local winner, Kelly is now eligible for a \$4,000 award to be presented by Padgett to the outstanding regional winner from North America.



Mayor Robert Iden helps Forester Larry Slavicek plant a Swamp White Oak at the Springfield Park wetland area following the Arbor Day celebration.

Helpful Numbers

Police & Fire Emergency.....	911
Village Hall Administration.....	893-7000
Building, Engineering.....	893-7073
Public Works.....	529-5865
Police Department (non-emergency).....	529-9868
Library.....	529-3120
Park District.....	529-3650
Fire Department (non-emergency).....	894-8488
Bloomington Township.....	529-7715
Post Office.....	529-5252

Immediate Medical Care

Stratford North - Branch of Central
Dupage Hospital: Open 7 days a week
Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sat-Sun 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.....893-9600

Busas, Busas, Busas

Pace Passenger Service.....364-PACE
RTA Information Center.....836-7000
Bloomington Township
Transportation.....893-7555
Dial-a-Ride (weekends only)....682-7542
DuPage County ADA Paratransit
Services.....1-312-917-4537

Hotlines

Adoption:
For adoption info call 1-800-572-2390
AIDS:
For testing info call 1-800-243-2437
Business:
Small Business Hotline call 1-800-252-2923
Children and Teenagers:
Child Abuse Hotline call 1-800-252-2873
Child Support:
For help collecting child support call
1-800-447-4278
Crime:
We Tip Hotline (for reporting crime)
call 1-800-782-7463
Internal Revenue Service:
1-800-829-1040
Labor:
State Occupational Safety and Health
Act info call: 1-800-321-OSHA
Lawyer Referral Service:
1-800-252-8916
Missing Children:
I-Search call 1-800-843-5763
Secretary of State:
General info call 1-800-252-8980
Driver's license info call 1-800-252-2904
Senior Citizens:
General info for seniors call 1-800-252-8966
Attorney General:
Senior citizens consumer protection call
1-800-252-8666
Tourism:
Illinois tourism info call 1-800-223-0121
Volunteer Development of DuPage
(volunteers always needed)....682-7586

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BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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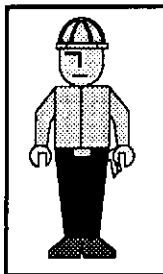
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Hard Hat Corner

Parking patience: Parking will be at a premium while the library's new addition is under construction. We ask for your patience during this temporary inconvenience.

Overflow parking will be available in the Village parking lots just west and north of the library lot, as well as on Fairfield Way. For those coming to join in the library's activities, consider carpooling.



Construction progress report: During April and May, work on the addition masonry walls was completed and roof joists were placed. Inside the library, work began on the new elevator, the opening for the new internal stairwell was cut, and structural reinforcement steel was placed. In the next several months the new roof will be placed on the addition and finishing interior work will start. Work on the new elevator is scheduled to be completed by July 1st.

ARCHITECTS:

Dahlquist and Lutzow,
 Architects, Ltd.
 482 N. McLean Boulevard
 Elgin, Illinois 60123

CONTRACTORS:

Driessen Construction Company
 P.O. Box 126
 1850 Dean Street
 St. Charles, Illinois 60174

STATE FUNDS FROM THE "LIVE AND LEARN" PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND STATE LIBRARIAN ARE BEING USED IN THE ADDITION TO THE BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

8	Writer's Workshop	9:00 AM-Noon
* 11	Bloomington Seniors Club	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
12	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
*17	TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! Summer Reading Program Begins	
*19	Chess Club Begins	2:00-4:00 PM
19	Sunshine Serenades — Larry Lease	Noon-1:00 PM
19	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:00 PM
26	Sunshine Serenades— R.P.M.	Noon-1:00 PM
26	Writer's Workshop	7:00-9:00 PM

JULY

3	Sunshine Serenade — Illusions	Noon-1:00 PM
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY LIBRARY CLOSED	
9	Bloomington Seniors Club	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
9	Sunshine Serenades — Hired Guns	Noon-1:00 PM
10	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
13	Writer's Workshop	9:00 AM-Noon
17	Sunshine Serenades — Jerry "K" Duo	Noon-1:00 PM
17	Bloomington Seniors Club Picnic - Gazebo	Noon-1:00 PM
*20	4th Annual Mystery Dinner	6:30-10:00 PM
22-26	Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by Friends of the Library	
24	Sunshine Serenades — Bang	Noon-1:00 PM
24	Writer's Workshop	7:00-9:00 PM
24	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:00 PM
31	Sunshine Serenades - Kenning & Company	Noon-1:00 PM

AUGUST

3	Last day to check in books for credit for Summer Reading Program	
8	Ice Cream Social Finale — All Ages	6:30-9:30 PM
10	Writer's Workshop	9:00 AM-Noon
13	Bloomington Seniors Club	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
14	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	Writer's Workshop	7:00 PM
28	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:00 PM

*Registration Required

Youth Services Department

TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Get in gear and join us on the Reading Highway! Book lovers of all ages will be racing into the Library to sign up for the TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! Summer Reading Program. Don't miss your chance to cruise through six weeks of programming packed with entertainment and fun.

There are three Reading Clubs to choose from:

TOURING TYKES: Young children who do not read on their own are encouraged to participate in this club by listening to someone read aloud to them.

RACING READERS: Children reading on their own with little or no help are encouraged to participate in this club.

CLASSIC CRUISERS: Young people reading books of 100 pages or more are encouraged to participate in this club.

Register at the Youth Services Reference Desk. Registration for the summer reading book clubs is open to all.

*Books must be checked out from the Bloomingdale Public Library.

MOVIN' MONDAY KICKOFF; JUNE 17

Join us between 7:00-9:00 pm for our Kick-Off event planned to include activities for people of all ages. This year our TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! Kick-Off will be held in the Founder's Park Gazebo Parking Lot (in front of the Library building). We will gather to celebrate the beginning of another great Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Library. Mike Lettieri from M & R Music will be on hand, directing a variety of activities. Included will be a Diaper Derby, Big Wheel Races (Be sure To Bring Your Own Big Wheels) and more! Register at the Youth Services Reference Desk.

STORYTIMES AND WORKSHOPS

We'll begin the week with TODDLER TIMES on Movin' Monday Mornings. BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY PIT STOP AT STRATFORD SQUARE from 2:00-3:00 in the afternoon, and move into the week with PRESCHOOL STORYTIME on Turbo Tuesdays at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 7:00 pm. WORKSHOPS are scheduled at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm on Winning Wednesdays, along with CHESS CLUB from 2:00-4:00 pm.

These programs will begin the week of June 17. PRESCHOOL STORYTIME and PIT STOPS AT STRATFORD SQUARE are drop-in, please register at the Youth Services Reference desk for all other programs.

Please note: Each child may choose three workshops to attend.

*Due to construction, parking may be limited. We apologize for any inconvenience.

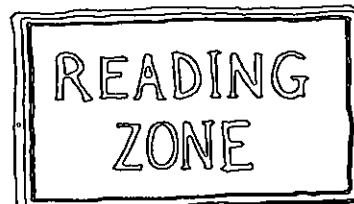
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, June 17
First day to check in books

Saturday, August 3
Last day to check in books for credit

Thursday, August 8 *Ice Cream Social Finale

*All Reading Club participants are invited to attend the Ice Cream Social Finale with their Family and Friends.



THUNDERING THURSDAYS

Roaring good times are planned, with something special for everyone:

NOVEL IDEAS

JUNE 20 - 2:00-2:45 pm All Ages. This improvisational comedy troupe will want your participation! Ideas will come from you, the audience.



DAVE HERZOG MARIONETTES

JUNE 27 - 2:00-2:45 pm All Ages. Original acrobat, tight rope walker, skater, and trapeze artist marionettes will be manipulated with much energy, power, and creativity. You may think they're alive!

ROADSIDE PICNIC

July 11, 12:00-1:30 pm Preschool-Kindergarten age and Families. Bring your lunch, drinks, and blanket to the Founder's Park Gazebo grounds. After lunch, we'll move inside for some entertainment. (In case of rain, we'll eat inside, too)

HOBBY NIGHT

July 11 - 7:00-8:30 pm All Ages. School-age children can sign up to exhibit their special collection, and everyone is invited to come and view the displays. Refreshments will be served.

WORLD OF WONDERS WITH WAYNE FRANCIS, VENTRILOQUIST

July 18 - 2:00-2:45 pm All Ages. A cast of life-sized puppets will take you on a journey around the world, complete with audience participation.

TOT ROCK WITH PHIL AND LINDA CALKINS

July 25 - 2:00-2:45 pm Preschool-Grade 2 & Families. Original music presented in a lively, interactive performance. An energetic, upbeat program!

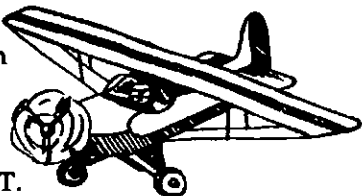
Youth Services Department

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

TRAVEL KITS FOR CHILDREN

June 17 - August 10

Before you go on vacation this summer, stop by the Youth Services Reference Desk and fill out an application for a TRAVEL KIT.



When you are ready to leave on your vacation, pick up your TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! TRAVEL KIT. Inside you will find books, cassettes, puzzles, and games to entertain you on your trip. The books and cassettes need to be returned to the Library when you are home again. TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY TRAVEL KITS are for Bloomingdale patrons only. Applications must be received at least one week in advance of your departure date.

Applications will be available Saturday, May 25, 1996 and following, for pick-up dates of June 17-August 10, 1996. Saturday, August 3 is the last day we will accept applications for a TRAVEL KIT.

* As in the past, if you are too late to request a TRAVEL KIT in time for your vacation, you may select your own materials, check them out and put them into a TRAVEL KIT bag along with its activity sheets, bookmarks, etc.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR -

Week of July 22

The 2nd Annual Scholastic Book Fair will again be sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library. Books and other materials will be available for purchase, and favorite book characters will make special appearances. Watch for the Book Fair schedule, to be posted in the Library.

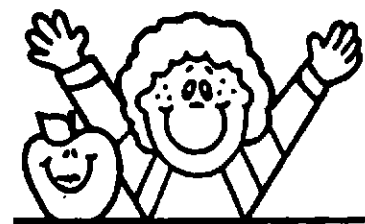
FRIENDS AND FUN

June 20, June 27 - 10:00-10:30 am

Ages 3-Grade 3

July 18, July 25

LIMIT 20

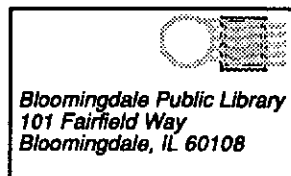


Children are invited to join the Junior Friends for special activities — sharing a favorite book, playing games or doing simple crafts. Each child will be assigned a Junior Friend. All activities will be under adult supervision. Please register at the Youth Services Reference Desk.

POSTCARD RACE

TAKE THE READING HIGHWAY ACROSS AMERICA WITH POSTCARDS!

We're having a race to see if the Library can receive a postcard from each of the 50 states by or before August 3. The first card from each state will be placed around a large map of the United States, and subsequent cards will be found in browsing boxes so that everyone may enjoy looking at them and learning about our 50 states!



Letters to send to your friends and relatives living in other areas will be available at the Youth Services Reference Desk. The number of prizes awarded will be determined by the number of states represented.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL FINALE

Thursday, August 8th, 6:30-9:30 pm

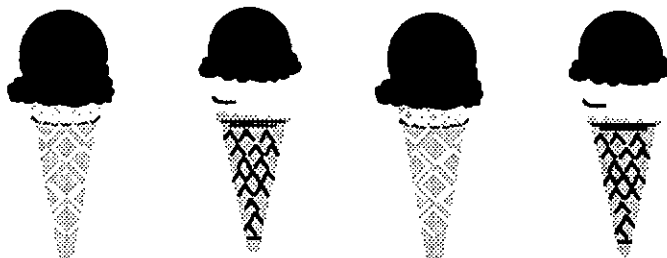
Join us under the big top tent provided by Braun Enterprises to celebrate the close of another fun-filled Summer Reading Program.

The evening's entertainment will begin with a surprise, followed by a special performance by T.R. (Truly Remarkable) Loon, an irreverent jokester who performs remarkable feats of balance and juggling. Watch as he spins 14 plates simultaneously on 14 wooden rods! And, back by popular demand, the Blooze Brothers Rhythm & Blues Review will delight and entertain you, as they close out the festivities.

This evening of old-fashioned family fun and entertainment is sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale.

Be there for the TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! Grand Prize drawing and announcement of winners from the POSTCARD RACE drawing. A special thank you to the Bloomingdale Friends of the Library for providing the prizes for both activities.

Please register at the Youth Services Reference Desk.



WRITER'S/ARTIST'S PROFILE:

JIM CUNNINGHAM

by Colleen B. Verbeke

As baseball season descends upon us, James Raddatz anticipates the day the Chicago Cubs win the World Series. Then he can paint in the World Series winning pennant on The Wrigley Field Interior. Sitting in a room with this impressive 3-1/2 ft. x 9 ft. painting (acrylic on canvas) gives the viewer the feeling of being in the middle of a game. You can almost smell the hot dogs.

Beyond portraying his favorite sport on canvas, Jim's work at the American Academy of Art led him to advertising as well as watercolor painting. His interest in old homes and landscape painting resulted in paintings of neighborhood homes. Jim sees and captures on canvas the stately grace of the homes he is commissioned to paint. In addition to watercolors and brushes, Jim uses computers and cameras to achieve his designs.

When asked to give advice to young people considering a career in art, Jim suggested learning about computers. He considers knowledge of computers and a good sense of design vital for modern artists.

The Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale gives Jim a place to discuss his interest in songwriting, storytelling, and poetry. Always seeking new creative challenges, Jim has taken his songwriting from merely recording to performing before audiences. He currently sings with a group at the Ginger Creek Church.

Jim recalls hearing that Dylan Thomas described using the "trapeze style" to write. That is, swing out with an idea on paper and hope there's another idea waiting to be caught. Jim's poem The Timesman published in the Writer's Workshop Yuletide Reverie was written using the faith of the "trapeze style" as well as language reminiscent of a baseball sportscaster.

Indeed Jim's career broadens each time he swings out as he follows another creative quest. Artist/illustrator, singer/songwriter, poet/storyteller, James Raddatz adds his talents to our Writer's Workshop, our neighborhood, and our community.

The Wrigley Field Interior, currently displayed at the Bloomingdale Park District, is for sale. Anyone wishing to maintain that baseball spirit at home throughout the seasons should contact Jim at 545-1858.

THANKS FOR ADOPTING THE MAGAZINES!

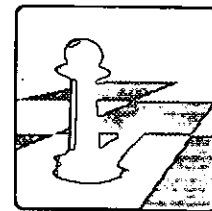
The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the following individuals, community groups and businesses for participating in the Adopt-A-Magazine program:

Bloomingdale Women's Club
Steve Chovanec
Health Springs

Richard Scafuto
Lee Seyfer

CHESS CLUB

8 yrs. OLD & UP
WEDNESDAYS



Registration Begins: Saturday, May 25
Chess Club Begins: Wednesday June 19
Times: Wednesday, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Ages: 8 years old and up

Come join the current Interlibrary Chess Club Champions. The Bloomingdale Public Library Summer Chess Club will meet at the Library on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00 PM beginning June 19. If you are eight years of age or older and know a little - or a lot - about the game, this is your chance to sharpen your skills. Each Wednesday players will compete with other club members and a ranking will be established. Then the CHESS CLUB will participate in the Interlibrary chess tournament in August as the reigning champs. For more information or to sign-up, telephone 529-3120.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday -- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday & Saturday -- 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday -- 1:00 PM-5:00 PM (September-May)

4TH ANNUAL ADULT MYSTERY DINNER

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1996
TIME: 6:30-10:00 PM
AGE: ADULTS, 18 AND OLDER
FEE: \$20.00 PER PERSON
(Includes full dinner and the mystery play)



Come join us at the library for an exciting evening of mystery, mayhem, food, and fun. The evening will start at 6:30 pm with a dinner catered by Bloomingdale's Olive Garden Restaurant, featuring Capellini Primavera and Chicken Parmesan.

At 8:00 pm the Mystery Shoppe's troupe of professional actors will perform the Mystery Play, MURDER IN THREE ACTS. During the performance be sure to watch carefully for clues that will be given to help you SOLVE THE MYSTERY.



Please stop by the Reference Desk to register.

It's still not too late to get involved in the Adopt-A-Magazine program. All an individual, community group, or business has to do to adopt a magazine is pay the yearly subscription fee. Your name will then be displayed on the cover of the current issue. If you are interested in "adopting" a magazine, please contact Leslie Kuizema at 529-3120.

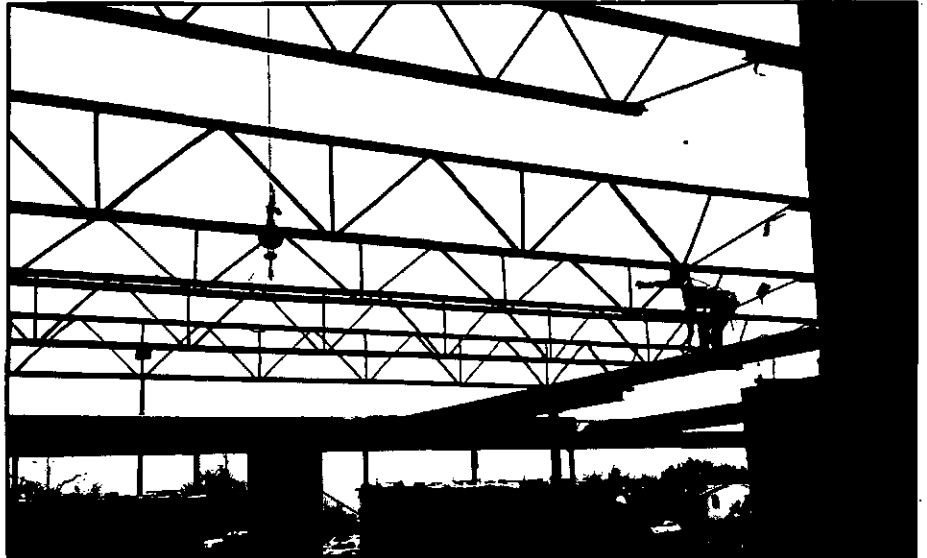
ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM: TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY

Back by popular demand, the Bloomington Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program will be held from June 17 to August 3. This year participants will TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY by reading a variety of different kinds of books in various sections of the library. Lists of book titles will be given to each participant to help them choose what to read. This year's reading categories will have readers traveling through History, finding Romance, Friendships, and how to Help Yourself. Stop by the reference desk anytime after Saturday, May 25 to sign up for this free program and read along with your kids this Summer.

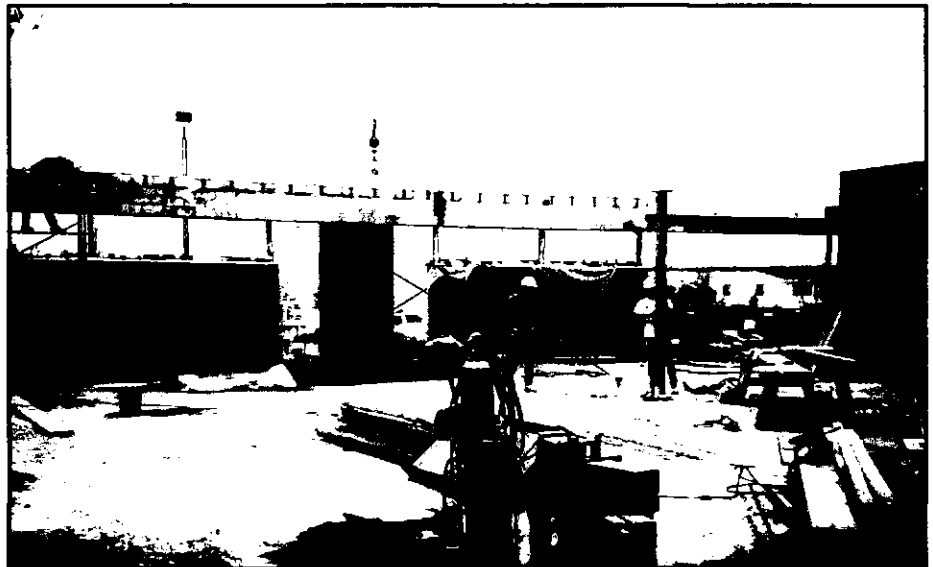
Art on Exhibit

The works of seven Bloomington artists were recently featured at the Fine Arts Showcase IV hosted by the Bloomington Park District Museum. The pieces were chosen from a field of 110 entries into the juried fine arts competition and exhibition. The Bloomington entries were: Sanaa Essat's watercolor entitled "Fantasy"; Craig Kodzinski's oil painting "Mount Zion"; Paula Koczkowski-Luberda's sculpture "Divergence" and her oil painting "Watchers/Seekers"; Dr. John Mortell's painting on glass "Night Wishes"; Susan Scherenberg's pencil drawing "Donna"; Jeanette Sundberg's watercolor "Recycled Fun" and Georgette West's mixed media painting "Vortex-Whirlpool of Time."

Take a Look at What's Happening at the Library!



Workers placing roof joists on the new addition

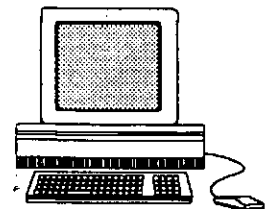


Workers constructing new masonry walls

CHECK OUT THE BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ON THE INTERNET!

In cooperation with the Village of Bloomington, the Bloomington Public Library is offering a computer workstation that has access to the Internet. This exciting service is available to any Bloomington resident who

has a library card with a "MICRO" sticker. After registering at the Adult Reference Desk, patrons will be able to explore this new electronic world! The Bloomington Public Library has also created a "Homepage" which gives Bloomington residents



access to information on events here in Bloomington. The address for the Bloomington Homepage is <http://www.xnet.com/~bdale>. Come in and ride the Information Superhighway! For more information, call 529-3120.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

July 1	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
July 2	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
July 3	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
July 4 Independence Day	CLOSED
July 5	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
July 6	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

Sign Up Today for the Bloomington Citizen Police Academy

The Bloomington Citizen Police Academy will be offered to residents and business persons of Bloomington beginning September 12, 1996.

The course covers such topics as:

- ◆ Search and Seizure
 - ◆ Auto Theft
 - ◆ Accident Investigation
 - ◆ Crime Scene Processing
 - ◆ Self Defense
 - ◆ Use of Force
 - ◆ Firearms
 - ◆ DUI Enforcement
 - ◆ Rape Awareness
 - ◆ Radar Enforcement
 - ◆ Interrogation
 - ◆ Juvenile Law
 - ◆ Street Gangs
 - ◆ Cults
- and more.

Programs are presented by our own professional police officers who are specialists in each topic.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn first hand what it is like to work in law enforcement in the 1990s. For more information or to apply, call Detective Gary Fuchs at 529-9868.

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Lions Recycle for Sight

The Bloomington Lions Club has collected more than 1300 pairs of eyeglasses this year. "There is a tremendous need for recycled glasses throughout the world," says Eyeglass Chairman Tom Rooney. "Participating in the eyeglass recycling program simply means giving away something that is no longer of use to you, but which can help other people. It makes you feel good."

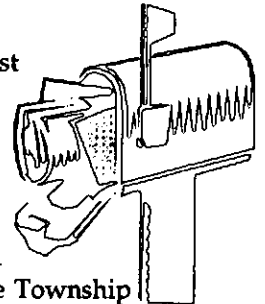
The Lions Club has placed collection boxes in the following Stratford Square businesses: Lenscrafters, American Vision, Sears and Wards. In addition, eyeglass containers are also at For Eyes and Pearle Vision Express, located on Army Trail Road, and at the Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way.



Lions Paul Gerace, Marv Roehike, Tom Rooney and Ralph Laich sort eyeglasses collected by the club.

Thanks from the Letter Carriers

The employees and management of the Bloomington Post Office extend their thanks and gratitude to the residents of Bloomington for their generosity and support of the 1996 National Association of Letter Carriers National Food Drive.

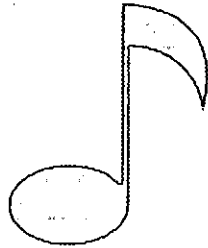
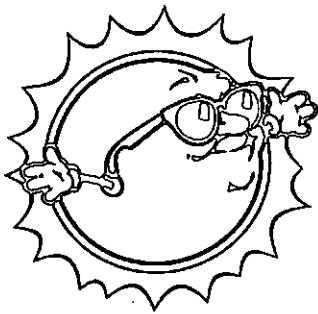


This year over 4600 pounds of food was collected on May 11 and distributed to the Volunteer Council of Bloomington Township Pantry. Bloomington residents have been supporting this cause over the past three years with enthusiasm and constant growth. When the drive was initiated in 1994, 2400 pounds of food was collected in 1995 over 3800 pounds was collected. This year's total brings the combined total to over 10,000 pounds!

It is a truly heartwarming feeling expressed by the people of Bloomington. We are truly proud to work in this town, serving such generous people.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to next year with a goal of 5000 pounds. Your caring and sharing helps those who are less fortunate than others to enjoy the simple things we take for granted every day.

Daryl Miller
Asst. Shop Steward
Bloomington Post Office



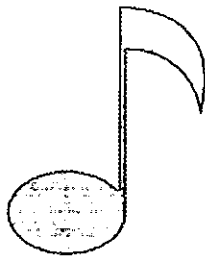
6th Annual Sunshine Serenades*

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

featuring favorite performers from the past as well as new talent to enjoy!

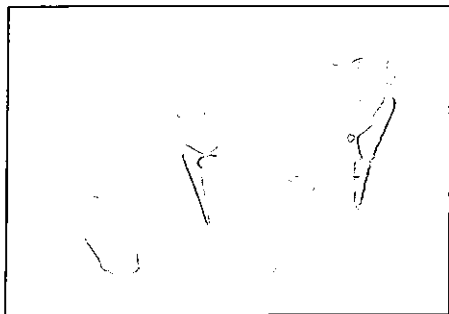
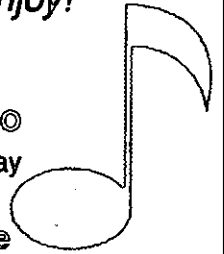


JUNE 19: Larry Lease, featuring top music from the 40s, 50s and 60s.

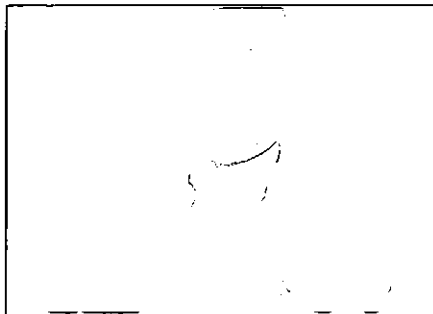


12:00 noon to 1:00 PM
at Founders Park Gazebo
Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way

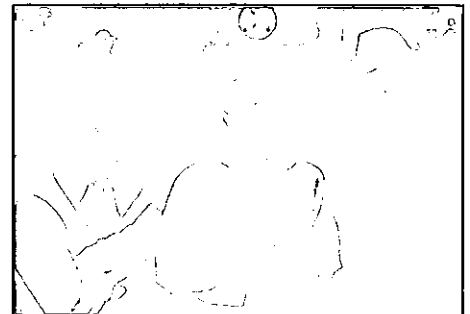
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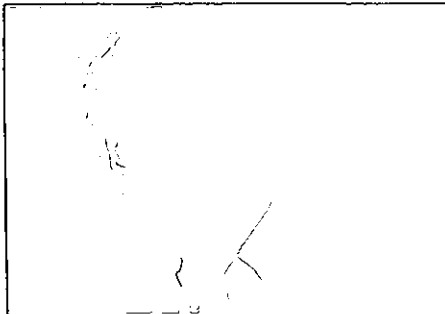
JUNE 26: R.P.M., two guys and a girl, will delight you with their unending list of tunes including Latin "Miami Sound Machine" rhythms.



JULY 3: Illusions, a trio from Northwest Indiana doing a variety of tunes including 50s and 60s favorites.



JULY 10: Hired Guns,-- a rockin' three piece combo with hot bluegrass music, ready to jam for you!



JULY 17: Jerry "K" Duo, featuring Ken "E" is a multi-talented duo performing a variety of music from Dixieland to Disney.



JULY 24: "Bang" is a three piece male act performing in the midwest, doing a variety of music from the Righteous Brothers to Motown.



JULY 31: Kenning & Company, performing classics and all the popular favorites from the 50s to the 90s.

Be sure to pick up your "Concert Attendance Card" . . . you may even win a prize for perfect attendance! Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket . . . enjoy the sunshine, good company and lively music. **NO ADMISSION FEE.**

Thank you to the Gazebo Concert concessionaires:

Connie's Pizza
pizza

Dairy Queen
frozen novelties

Friends of the Library
soda pop



* In case of rain, concerts will be held in the lower level of the library