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Seasons Greetings
from the Mayor,
Clerk, Trustees
and Employees of
The Village
of
Bloomingdale

VILLAGE HALL HAPPENINGS

COMMISSION CHANGES

The public is encouraged to attend all Board & 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 and 3rd Monday of every Month
7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every Month
8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

BOARD OF FIRE

AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

3rd Thursday of every Month
8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Bi-Monthly beginning in January
2nd Monday,
8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

FINANCE COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Wednesday
of every Month
7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

OLD TOWN COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday of every Month
8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2nd and 4th Wednesday
of every Month
7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

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The following appointments have been made to the various commissions due to resignations in the past few months. Richard G. Rudolph and Edward W. Walendy were appointed to the Finance Commission (formerly the Capital Improvements Commission). The Plan Commission gained two new members - Barney Pelant and Ray Burke. At the same time, both Pelant and Burke were also appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Resigning members of the various commissions received certificates of appreciation for their time and effort donated from the Village Board.

The Old Town Commission has a new chairperson. Joanne Hildt, member since October, 1980 took over the position when Donna Tenu-to resigned. Donna served on that Commission for over three and a half years as a member and chairperson.

SPRINGBROOK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT

The Board of Local Improvements, on Monday, November 9th, conducted a Public Hearing for the Springbrook Drainage Improvement which is also known as Special Assessment #8. This improvement is to benefit an area north of Country Club Estates and northeast towards Warnimont's Hardware on Lake Street. The improvement, which will provide for improved storm drainage, is intended to allow for commercial use in this area. Although the total cost is estimated at \$1,079,500.00, the exact figures to be assessed against those in the "benefit area" will not be known for a few more weeks until the Assessment Roll is completed by the appointed Commissioners of Assessment.

As a gesture of gratitude for her contributions, the Village Board passed a resolution honoring Tenuto and presented her with a memorial picture.

Two other chairpersons have also resigned recently. Scott Burritt served as chairman of the Finance Commission and Crawford Carpenter served as chairman for both the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Resolutions of appreciation were passed by the Village Board honoring both men and each received a plaque commemorating his contributions.

Dennis Paprocki, member since April, 1981 took over the chairmanship of the Finance Commission. Sebastian Puccio, an active member of both the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals since 1977 now heads both of these.

Samuel J. Tenuto
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Marie F. Tayfel
VILLAGE CLERK

Robert F. Reeves
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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James LeBurkien
Finance & Budget
Finance Commission
E.S.D.A.

Walter Cropper III
Ordinance, License &
Public Relations, Park District,
RTA Services

William Horvath
Public Works,
DuPage Water Commission

Roy Brodersen
Police, Health & Safety
East Indian Lakes Sanitary Sewer
Committee

Robert Iden
Plan Commission - Architectural Review,
Commercial Redevelopment Committee
Economic Development Commission
Old Town Commission

Mary Lou Vanda
Zoning, Building & Street Maintenance,
Library Board

BLOOMINGDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PHONES FOR SPEECH AND HEARING IMPAIRED

Several Bloomington area businesspersons are now going through the process of organizing a Chamber of Commerce for the Village in order to provide "a vehicle for business to communicate their needs to the community."

The work being done now is the very natural continuation of the work that has been done for the last six years by the Bloomington Economic Development Commission (EDC). Gene Abbott, president of the EDC and of Abbott and Associates, Inc. in Bloomington, is spearheading the drive to form the Chamber of Commerce.

The first meeting to discuss the proposal was held at Indian Lakes in late October, with about 40 people attending. On Thursday night, November 19, the second meeting was held at the Village Hall in order to elect a Board of Directors.

Paul Conarty, attorney-at-law, explained to the approximately ten people that attended this meeting, that because of the low turnout, the best course of action was to elect a temporary Board (for terms to last one year) in order to get the ball rolling. Those present voted to elect the nine present members of the EDC, as well as five other interested businesspersons to serve on the 14-member Board of Directors.

Those elected to serve from the EDC were: Gene Abbott; Warren Anderson, Urban Investment & Development Co., Chicago; John Best, American Heritage S&L, Bloomington; Dominic Casalina, West Central Development Co., Bloomington; Paul Conarty; Tom Fitzgerald, Kirkby, Fitzgerald, Rynell & Floyd, Bloomington; Paul Paoletti, Bloomington; Al Radcliffe, Bloomington State Bank; and, Tim Wickstrom, Wickstrom Chevrolet, Roselle.

The five other members of the first Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are: Wally Giels, Econ-o-Mart, Bloomington;

Bill DeJonge, Zales in Stratford Square; Bill Stringfellow, Genesis, Inc., Bloomington; Mari Lynn Geving, Phone Center Store at Stratford Square; and, Mike Nangle, Gingiss Formal Wear at Stratford Square.

The proposed Chamber of Commerce will be based on the plan already put into effect in Barrington. The Chamber of Commerce will act as "the Voice of Business" for business and professional firms in the area. The Barrington plan calls for at least four divisions of the Chamber: Economic Development Division (which will mean that the EDC will now become a division of the Chamber); the Civic Affairs Division; the Legislative Affairs Division; and the Organizational Development Division.

The EDC has already started the ball rolling, so to speak, with the development of a magazine to promote the Village of Bloomington and to explain the past and to project into the future of the Village. Put together by Profile Publications, the magazine will be a four-color, professional-looking publication with advertisements by many of the merchants in the Bloomington area. The magazine will be available around the first of the year.

Membership in the Chamber of Commerce is already up to about twenty people. Annual membership dues has been set at \$50.

The new Board of Directors met for their first formal meeting on December 4. The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held on December 18. If you are interested in participating in this new and vital undertaking, contact either Gene Abbott (at 894-7575) or Tom Fitzgerald (at 893-8300).

Bloomington needs your support and this is a very important way for you to become involved.

Telephone equipment, designed to make it easier for residents of Bloomington who have hearing or speech impairments to place emergency telephone calls, has been placed at the Bloomington Police Department by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

According to Commander Shilora Larson, the equipment — a teletypewriter (TTY) — will make it possible for those who cannot use the ordinary telephone to call for help when they need police, fire-fighting, medical or ambulance assistance. "In order to have access to the TTY receiving unit, a handicapped person must install a home unit for sending and receiving messages," she explained.

"We anticipate," she said, "that, with the installation of the TTY equipment, nearly all households where there are handicapped persons will install home units during the next two or three years."

William L. Kempiners, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said that the Bloomington Police Department unit is one of 297 TTYS that are being distributed by the state health department to local public safety answering points throughout the state. "TTYS have been installed in 95 of the state's 102 county sheriff's offices," he said, "and the remaining 202 units will be installed in other public safety agencies which have a representative population of 10,000 or more."

Kempiners said the units have been purchased through two state grants to local governments, totaling \$170,000, for the purchase of such equipment.

PUBLIC WORKS... Efficient and Economic

The Public Works Department of the Village of Bloomingdale handles a tremendous amount of work for a mere 16 men and one secretary. From street, curb, sidewalk and basin repairs to snow removal to cleaning and grading ditches, their responsibilities are numerous. The Department maintains storm and sanitary sewers, municipal buildings and properties, as well as street and traffic signs. In addition to these ongoing duties, Public Works also handles 75 to 100 citizen complaints per month involving service calls such as repairing pot holes, clogged sewers, water meters and replacing signs. These complaints are usually taken by Shirley Olszewski, the Department secretary who logs them, sets up the service calls and does all other paperwork for the department.

On Saturday, November 14, 1981, the Public Works Dept. hosted an Open House at the Public Works Garage for Village officials and employees. In addition to a tour of the various areas of the garage and some explanations of equipment, a number of very interesting facts were brought out.



The Public Works Dept. flanked by Bob Mundo on the left and Mayor Tenuto on the right.

The Public Works Department has succeeded in making itself as nearly self-sufficient as possible. There are now two full-time mechanics on staff. The department can handle everything from re-building entire motors and transmissions to doing body repairs and painting. They presently maintain all Village vehicles including all the Police Department cars.

The Public Works Department takes tremendous care of all their equipment whether it be as expensive as one of the seven snow removal vehicles or as simple as a set of wrenches.

According to Bob Mundo, Director of Public Works, there is rarely loss or damage occurring to equipment. The department has a 3M sign machine so traffic and street signs can be made in the department. Mundo comments the department tries to do as much work as possible in-house so as to keep the expenses down.

FROM THE DESK OF ROBERT MUNDO

Since this opportunity has been afforded the Public Works Department to explain a little to the residents just what we're all about, I'd like to use the Almanac to publicly thank a few people.

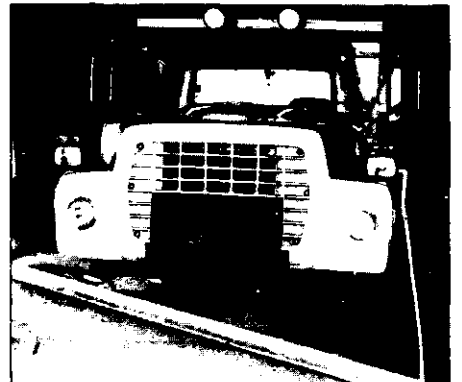
Mayor Sam Tenuto, both as a past Trustee and as Mayor has been very supportive of my department in helping us acquire needed equipment and always very appreciative of our efforts to be as effective as possible. Bob Reeves, Village Administrator was very instrumental in helping us set up the Five Year Plan through which we evaluate, keep operative and replace our equipment before the items become totally inoperable. His cooperation with us has always been 100%. And we thank the Village Board for being receptive to our needs and consistently doing their best to keep us at peak efficiency. Without these people we couldn't be where we are today.

Mundo is especially proud of his men and their work. "In my opinion, we now have the best crew Bloomingdale has ever had. I would compare our men with any Public Works Department in the County. I am often being complimented for 'a job well done,' but I'm not the person who deserves the thanks. The men in Public Works are dedicated, hard working and take pride in everything they do. They make me look good and I sincerely thank them for that." "Dedication" means working overtime when needed, being on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and even sometimes spending two days straight at work to keep up with a heavy snowstorm.



Bob Maguire explains water meters and various equipment at Open House.

There is minimum turnover of employees in Public Works which is a real plus when it comes to troubleshooting and handling problems before they become major. The more familiar the men are with trouble spots within the Village the more quickly potential problems are handled.



"The Biggie", 9 tons of snow plow.

PUBLIC WORKS...

There are four divisions within the department:

- The Street Department headed by Geno Woehrle, who has been with the Village since 1974. Geno is also in charge of the Public Works Garage.
- The Water Department headed by Bob Maguire, an employee since 1976.
- The Vehicle Maintenance Department headed by Rich Meyer, an employee since 1978.
- The Sewer Department headed by Jim Pluess who has been with Public Works since 1974. Jim is in charge of all Treatment Plant facilities.

Although each of these divisions have specific responsibilities, there is a great deal of sharing jobs and working together. It would seem the Public Works Department is a real success story - a municipal department working smoothly, efficiently and economically.

I attended the Public Works Open House and want to make a few personal comments.

I don't know much about sewers or water meters or street repair equipment, so of course, the time spent was a learning experience. But what I found most enlightening was meeting and talking to the men.

There is a definite spirit of teamwork and friendship within the Public Works Dept. The men take real pride in their work, one evidence of which is the way they care for all equipment. They were very eager to show their guests around, answer questions, and explain how they cut expenses as much as possible.

I guess what this all boils down to is simply - a group of people working and interacting together as well as these men do, could only be doing the best job possible. And that makes me feel very good.

Editor

SAVE MONEY, EAT RIGHT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL P.T.O.

Market Day Co-op is the answer. Produce, meat and cheese purchased in quantity at wholesale prices and delivered directly to the schools from the market ensures high quality, (eat right) low prices, (save money) and the P.T.O. makes a profit of 10% of the total sales. (support your local P.T.O.).

Order forms for market day are sent home with the students at the schools, DuJardin School (District 13) and Winnebago School, (District 15). Market Day is open to all, if you do not have children attending these schools the order forms may be obtained in the school office. If additional information is needed, other than order forms, please contact Suzanne Armstrong at 894-1517 for DuJardin School and Harriet Shapiro at 980-9880 for Winnebago School. When the order form is completed return it to the school on the day indicated on the form. The day of the sale, approximately one week from the time the order was due, the food is delivered to the school for sorting and distributing. The orders are to

be picked up from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on that day. At this time payment is due for the order and all orders are subject to sales tax. EVERYTHING is 100% guaranteed.

The feelings from those who use the co-op is that the food is better than that found in most stores. The produce and fruit comes directly from Chicago's South Water Market. The prime and choice meat come from one of the nation's finest meat packers. The cheese is from Wisconsin, and the fish is from the Randolph Street Market.

DuJardin's scheduled Market Days are February 9, April 6 and hopefully late May. Winnebago's scheduled Market Days are March 7 and May 11th, and please remember, the orders must be in the school office one week prior to the scheduled Market Days.

Market Days may very well be the answers to saving money, eating well, nutritional food and supporting the local schools in the districts.

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LIBRARY UPDATE

If you have driven by the corner of Fairfield Way and Bloomingdale Road recently, you probably were greeted by the sound of bulldozers, cranes, and large trucks. In July construction began on the new 20,000 square foot Bloomingdale Public Library, located just east of the current building. The majority of bids have been let and financial analysis indicates the project is very close to budget.

Much has been accomplished the past several months as concrete work for the foundation, basement and first floor was completed, as well as roughed-in electrical work and plumbing lines. Backfill around the building and rough grading of the parking lot are also finished. Laminated wood arches were in-



stalled in mid-November and masonry work is scheduled to begin later in the month. Architect for the project, Art Jakl, of Art Jakl and As-

sociates, Bloomingdale, indicates the building should be under roof by Christmas, with completion scheduled for June, 1982.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

In the interest of making the most of the sworn police officer's time, the Village Board recently passed an ordinance creating the position of Community Service Officer. A CSO is essentially a para-professional assisting the police department in enforcing the Village's ordinances.

The concept of the CSO has been discussed in Bloomingdale for the past two or three years according to Police Chief Patrick J. McMahon. In September of this year, McMahon approached the Village Board to create such a position as it would now prove a most valuable aid to the department.

The CSO is a civilian position requiring a 40-hour CSO Training Course. A CSO does not have the power to arrest, nor does he carry a gun. He is, however, authorized to

perform duties and functions with reference to enforcing the Village ordinances as directed by the Chief of Police. Such ordinances include fire lane regulations, stray animals, traffic control, and non-injury accidents on private property, among other things. The CSO is also authorized to issue citations, complaints and notices-to-appear on behalf of the Village. One of the primary duties for the CSO at present is parking enforcement and control at Stratford Square Shopping Center, and other areas throughout the Village.

Employing a civilian as a Community Service Officer is a tax saving device says Chief Patrick McMahon. The CSO is actually handling fairly routine matters thus freeing the sworn officers to handle more serious matters where their training can be utilized. He is paid less than the sworn officer, and in fact, revenue

generated from his parking and ordinance enforcement will help defray his salary.

One Community Service Officer is presently employed by the Bloomingdale Police Department - Leonard Notz. Lennie has worked for the police department for 5 years as a communications dispatcher. Not only has he taken the 40-hour required course, but he already has experience dealing with the residents and the police officers of the Village.

Both the Village officials and the police department feel the employment of Notz as CSO will provide the opportunity to perform additional services for the public and will prove cost effective. The goal for the future is to employ one or two more of these officers in the department.

DISTRICT 13 NEWS

by Brandt G. Crocker, Superintendent School District #13

I'd like to talk to you about a subject always in our minds today - money. A large part of your tax dollar supports education in Bloomingdale and we must be more mindful than ever of economics.

Paving work on the parking lots at Westfield and Central Schools was completed recently when similiar work was done on Day Street and Schick Road. By taking bids on work for the Village and the School District at the same time, our School District saved over \$2,000.

Cooperation with the Park District has resulted in saving money on fuel for our mowers and snowblowers. The Park District's new storage facility next to Westfield School enables them to purchase fuel in larger quantities. They in turn sell fuel to us. Not only do we save money on the fuel, but we also save the time and gasoline previously used to pick up the fuel.

The help of these two other government agencies (Village and Park District) is greatly appreciated by the School District. By cooperating with them we saved school district dollars.

Implementation of recommendations on an energy survey done last year has resulted in savings in electricity usage in our school buildings. This program will be continued on a three-year plan.

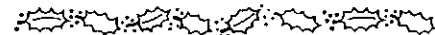
Our district, in cooperation with the Capital Development Board, the architectural firm of Wiss, Janney, Elstner & Associates, Inc. and our Board of Education attorney is in the process of putting together the legal and construction documents to sue the original architect and construction contractor who designed and built Westfield School, for recovery of this money.



We are now working on the second phase of correcting these defects. For years the roof leaked. Finally, we have a new roof. Beginning November 18, we closed the gymnasium at Westfield so that workmen could begin to repair some of the damage in the masonry and brick walls. The work is expected to be completed by the end of Christmas vacation.

Repair of the structural defects at Westfield School, including the roof, will cost about \$200,000, of which \$40,000 will come from current district funds. The remaining \$160,000 has been advanced by the State Capital Development Board.

If you have concerns about expenditures, or any other comments regarding District #13, I would be happy to hear them. My telephone number is 893-9590.



Charles Swangren, Central School Principal accepts a color-sound camera from Mrs. Kathy Budde, President of the Bloomingdale Women's Club. The camera will be used with Central's video tape system, a gift from their PTO last year. Central students Michele Catlow and Michael Collado help accept the gift.

WELCOME WAGON UPDATE

The Bloomingdale Welcome Wagon Club has had a busy fall season. Some highlights of the year so far include participation at Septemberfest, a couples' road rally, a preschool Halloween party, the annual talent auction, and a Ladies' outing to Wheaton for its annual Christmas walk.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The club's objectives include welcoming new people to the Village and providing them with social activities, while also promoting charitable and civic projects for the community. For further information please contact Dee Ludvigsen, 529-9723.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bloomingdale Assembly of God . . . 893-9682
Pastor: David A. Tangen
130 N. Bloomingdale Rd.
Bloomingdale

Bloomingdale Alliance Church 893-3066
Pastor: David Riemenschneider
260 Glen Ellyn
Bloomingdale

Bloomingdale Baptist Church 980-6161
Pastor: Philip Yntema
245 Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale

Bloomingdale Community Church . . 980-6077
Pastor: Patrick Pazdsiora
Westfield School (Temporary)
Bloomingdale

Christ The Redeemer Lutheran 529-8290
Pastor: Kenneth A. Stoyer
241 Army Trail Road
Bloomingdale

Indian Lakes Community Church . . 893-2920
Pastor: Ray E. Stauffer
Black Hawk School
Glendale Heights

St. Isidore Catholic Church 529-3045
Pastor: Arthur J. Maher
227 West Army Trail Road
Bloomingdale

St. Paul United Church of Christ . . . 529-6173
Pastor: James P. Beecken
First and Washington Streets
Bloomingdale

Bloomington Homemakers

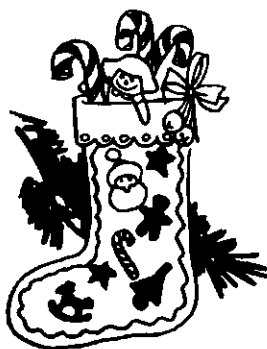
The DuPage County Homemakers Extension Association has published its program for 1981-82. This educational program is available to all residents of DuPage County through local units.

There are two Homemakers units in Bloomington: BLOOMINGTON HOMEMAKERS meet at 12 Noon on the 3rd Friday of each month; the NORTH DU PAGE EVES HOMEMAKERS meet at 7:30 P.M. on the first Wednesday of each month. Both units meet at St. Paul's Church, 112 First Street, Bloomington.

The lessons and special features for the coming year are: Choosing & Communicating With Your Physician; Window Treatments; Christmas In Ireland; Whole Grain Cookery; Irish Customs, Crafts & Cookery; Burglary In The Home; Fiber In The Diet; Legal Status Of Women; and Styles For The Problem Figure.

Additional Special Interest topics will be: Shopping & Food Storage For Two; Home Furnishings Seminar; Depression (Telenet); Stress (Telenet); Food Processors; Drying Foods; Estate Planning (Telenet); Basic & Advanced Microwave; Budgeting; Three Generations Under One Roof; Planning for Retirement; and Food Preservation Workshops.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Ethel Williamson (daytime meetings), 529-6140, or Mrs. Adeline Dobbins (evening meetings), 529-5810.



NEW BUSINESS BRIEFS.....

BUDDE'S PRINT SHOP OPENS IN BLOOMINGTON

With a stated commitment to serve the people of Bloomington and the surrounding area, Village resident Dale Budde opened "Budde's Print Shop" at 159 W. Lake Street on August 12.

"There's a need for someone willing to do small printing jobs (100-500 copies) for groups such as clubs, civic and fraternal organizations, as well as social and townhome associations," said Budde. "I can do print jobs for them that will promote and sell their organizations."

But he doesn't stop at printing in his quest to totally serve his customers. He will very often give his customers advice on how to liven up the promotional or educational piece with graphics that would not cost the customer any more than if it was done without the graphics. This kind of advice would not come free to customers of large, commercial printers, said Budde.

"We're nothing like a commercial printer," he emphasizes. "We have faster, better service and will help in the layout and design of the publication. And if I can't do a job for you, I'll act as a broker and find the person to do the job at the fastest speed and the lowest cost." He adds: "Sometimes you should shop for service and delivery. That is what I offer."

The main theme of his establishment is to "give the customer the best service you can."

"We can print professional-looking flyers for a lower cost than commercial printers. And we can give fast service, sometimes while you wait if you like."

Dale and his wife, Kathy, live on Salem Court in Bloomington. They have lived in the Village for 4 years and have two daughters, Jennifer (7) and Laura (3½). Dale serves on the Bloomington Library Board and

Kathy is president of the Bloomington Women's Club.

His interest and devotion to printing began years ago when he and his brother would operate a little printing press in their basement as a hobby. His father runs a print shop in Elmhurst, so the business is in his blood, so to speak.

After graduating from Western Illinois University in 1967 with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Journalism, Dale spent the next 14 years working as a business manager for various school districts in the Chicago area. But he always had the feeling that he should strike out on his own in the printing business.

"I've seen my dad do well in it and have seen the commercial franchises growing and I felt there was a need and that it was time to work for myself instead of for someone else," he said.

When he got to the point of striking out on his own, he admits that they had thoughts of leaving Bloomington and starting over in a new place. "But we said to ourselves: 'we like it here, we don't want to leave,' so we said 'let's try it here.'"

His regular working hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. He has been known to work at night and on Saturdays, when there is the need, but he feels that "my family is important. But if we have nothing planned for the weekend, I'll be in here on Saturday to finish some big jobs at a time when there is little distraction. And many times I will be delivering finished products to customers between 5 and 6 at night."

Dale Budde calls Bloomington "a nice, growing community" and looks forward to serving that community. "The challenge", he adds, "is to turn out the best possible copy and to improve it for them (the customers)."

PIK KWIK

In these days of chain stores and franchises, it's encouraging to find an independent who seems to have found a secret to success. Bob Leeper has recently opened Pik Kwik, a traditional supermarket, in Circle Center. The Bloomington Pik Kwik is the fourth supermarket store opened by Leeper who got his start in a grocery store which once stood at the southeast corner of Bloomington and Lake Streets.

The "secret" Leeper has discovered is really not all that mysterious. It actually comes down to two very important factors. Quality is first, selling the best possible merchandise for the best possible price. Pik Kwik's produce is purchased daily from South Water Market by an individual buyer, not through a middleman. The meat comes from only a couple packing houses where the quality of meat meets Pik Kwik's standards. The other factor is having dependable employees who take pride in what they do - and showing them they are appreciated. This might account for the friendliness and helpful attitude at the Bloomington store.

And the extras - Pik Kwik carries generic goods which are stocked on the shelves with the brand names. There is a fresh bakery section which will eventually be expanded. Presently the donuts are made from scratch as will be the breads, pies and rolls after the expansion. Right now these items are baked on the premises. Party trays can be ordered from the deli section which not only features many lunchmeats and cheeses, but salads as well. And after January 1st, beer and wine will also be carried in the Bloomington store.

Leeper says he chose Bloomington for his new store because we are a growing community. He feels Pik Kwik can be a beneficial addition in providing tax circulation as well as jobs for local residents.

Next time you need a few groceries, stop in Pik Kwik. It's a big store with a small store flavor.

READING AT DISCOUNT PRICES

Curl up in your favorite chair with a good book and have the satisfaction of knowing you saved 20 - 35% on the purchase of the book.

Crown Books, one of the most recent businesses to open at Springbrook Shopping Center, sells everything in the store at discount prices. The hard cover books are 20% off the list price and paperback books are 10% off. All books that are on the New York Times Best Seller List (this list changes every Saturday) are discounted 35% for hard cover and 25% for paperbacks. Over 75 selections of magazines at 10% off the listed price, as well as 1982 calendars at the same discount are available. There are many bargain books for as low as \$1.00.

Joyce Thomas, the store manager, receives shipments twice a week, continually restocking the shelves which contain over 10,000 titles. Joyce stressed that one of the owners' policies is that the books are placed on the shelf cover showing, not binding only. The two reasons being, the customer will not get a stiff neck trying to read the titles sideways, and the authors spend a great sum of money having their covers printed for their books and they should be displayed. Numerous books are known by their cover and not just the title.

The variety of books is large, from Antiques to Zoology, with thousands of subjects in-between. All the best sellers, many reference books, cookbooks, travel, child care, health, non-fiction and all the newly released, as well as many of the older popular books, are all available at Crown Books, at the discount prices.

Pre-readers and young readers have a vast assortment of popular titles to choose from. The more experienced reader will find Judy Blume, the Narnia series, the Adventure

series, Black Stallion books and the Encyclopedia Brown series, to name a few. Most of these books are paperback, however, the newly released books, such as Tiger Eyes, Judy Blume and Light in the Attic, Shel Silverstein that have not been published in paperback are available.

Crown Books have expanded their hours, they are open every day, to accommodate the Christmas shoppers, and what better gift idea than a good book, to give or receive????

CPA MERGER

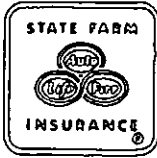
The CPA firms of Kirkby, Fitzgerald, Rynell & Floyd, located in Bloomington, and Burkett & Associates, Ltd., located in Aurora and Streator, are pleased to announce their merger, effective January 1, 1982.


The new firm name will be Kirkby, Fitzgerald, Rynell, Floyd & Burkett. They will maintain all three offices to serve respective clientele at each location.

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THE TAXPAYER'S CORNER THE SALES TAX DEDUCTION TRAP

by Donald McLean CPA

Most taxpayers in our community are eligible to file the "long form" 1040 each year. Each taxpayer, who files this return, is entitled to a sales tax deduction. Recognizing this, the government continues to confuse the issue in an apparent attempt to have taxpayers understate the deduction for this tax on the Schedule of Itemized Deductions. The optional sales tax tables published in the annual tax package mailed out by IRS have decreased the "standard deduction" for a family of four with adjusted gross income of \$30,000 from \$397 in 1978 to \$377 in 1980. Apparently, they feel that "middle class" Americans are spending *less* for food, clothing and other "luxuries". They obviously buy these luxuries in stores unknown to most of us.

You, or the accountant who prepares your return, must read the small print explaining the footnotes attached to the optional sales tax tables which are included in your annual tax package. They specify you may increase the deduction if any of the following factors exist:

- a) You had non-taxable income (such as social security benefits, long-term capital gain exclusions, Municipal interest, etc...).
- b) You purchased an automobile, boat or motorhome or materials for construction of a new home or room addition on which you identify the taxes paid.
- c) You live in Cook, DuPage or another collar County of Chicago, which assesses a local tax greater than the State average. (Most Counties levy a 1 percent tax with 4 percent going to the State. Cook County levies 2 percent and DuPage County 1.25 percent.) Consequently, for income spent while a resident of Cook County you are entitled to a 20 percent greater deduction than that shown on the optional table. DuPage County residents are entitled to an additional five percent deduction.

The motto of our firm "there are no small taxpayers" applies to this deduction. The sales tax deduction, though not as important as your real estate taxes or mortgage interest is still worth the effort required to maximize. Consequently, we recommend that the taxpayer pay for as many items which are subject to the tax, by check or charge card as possible and develop a detail recap at year end of the amount spent. In this way, they can compute the actual sales tax paid and in nine out of ten cases this will be substantially more than allowed by the chart. If you choose to do this, at least remember to read the fine print of the footnotes attached to the optional sales tax table when filing your return.

TAX TIPS FROM LIBRARY

With the new Economic Recovery Tax Act in effect, your year-end tax planning strategy is especially important in saving you tax dollars. You'll find detailed descriptions of revisions in tax law, as well as tips on how to apply them, in the Prentice-Hall Tax Guide and related materials available in the Bloomingdale Library. These materials give con-

cise explanations of Individual Retirement Accounts, business incentive provisions, estate and gift taxes, and more. The library also has the two-volume set: Federal Revenue Forms, a comprehensive collection of forms issued by the IRS. You are welcome to photocopy up to five pages of any reference material at no charge.

LANDSCAPED AT LAST

The Wastewater Treatment Plant on Glen Ellyn Road was landscaped during the month of October. The Village had asked for revised proposals on the original landscaping bids submitted in order to accommodate a greater density of screening and the extension of the work along Glen Ellyn Road in front of the Public Works garage.

Frank's Landscaping submitted the lowest bid and had the work done within three weeks. The Village Board is presently looking into the possibility of sodding that entire area next year in an effort to make it more aesthetically pleasing.



At Family Service Association of DuPage, 402 W. Liberty Drive in Wheaton, professional help is available through six service programs for specific personal or family problems.

Call 682-1802.



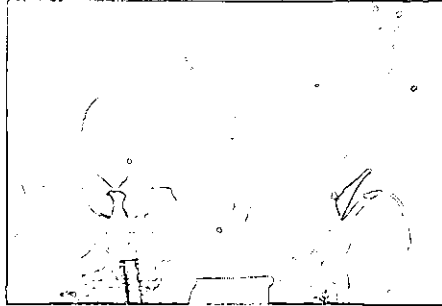
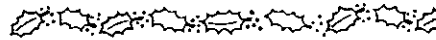
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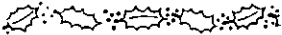


Knights of Columbus, Paul Greening and Don Lively pose with Mayor Tenuto after receiving Proclamation declaring Halloween Weekend to be dedicated to helping the mentally retarded.

I am pleased to report several activities which you the citizens of Bloomingdale helped to make so successful.

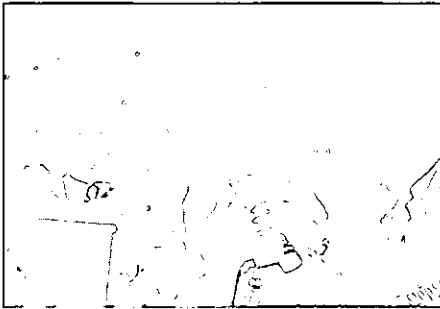
Tootsie Roll Drive

I am happy to report that we raised over \$2200 from our Tootsie Roll Drive held on Halloween weekend. After deducting expenses and the 10% to the state council, the balance will be given to Marklund Home in Bloomingdale and the Bartlett Learning Care Center in Bartlett. Statewide, the Knights of Columbus raised over \$1,000,000 to help the mentally retarded. Organizations



Las Vegas Night

The dice rolled and the black jack turned up often at our Las Vegas Night held at St. Isidore's on November 14th. Proceeds from this event will help us in sponsoring such activities as Christmas gifts for Marklund Home and the Bartlett Learning Care Center, teen club programs for both St. Isidore's and Resurrection parishes, and the Newman Clubs on campuses throughout the state.



Brenda, resident of Marklund Home happily reaches for Tootsie Roll canister and hat offered her by Don Lively and Paul Greening.

wishing to assist us in this worthy effort, please contact me at 894-7308 any evening. We welcome your assistance in next year's drive.

Allen Howell Fund

I regret to say that at last report Allen Howell is still confined to a nursing home where he continues to undergo treatment. To date we have received over \$500 from people who identify with the plight of this family. Our thanks to all of you who have contributed so generously. Contributions may be mailed to "Allen Howell Fund, P.O. Box 91, Bloomingdale, IL 60108."



The Bloomingdale Women's Club 8th Annual Fashion Show, "Carnival of Fashions", will be held on Saturday, April 24, 1982 at Indian Lakes Resort Hotel. Cocktails will begin at 11:00 am and lunch will be served at noon. "Carnival of Fashions" will feature women's fashions from Paddor's of Stratford Square and men's fashions from Paul Paoletti's of Springbrook Center in Bloomingdale. Ticket reservations will be accepted beginning on January 15, 1982 by calling Ann Hatt 980-0208 or Pat Maxwell 893-5169. The tickets are \$15.00 per person. The proceeds of the show will be donated to the Marklund Home in Bloomingdale.

DID YOU QUIT?

Are you a success story from the 1980 Great American Smokeout in DuPage County?

If you quit smoking as a result of this American Cancer Society event, you're invited to contact the Society and get a handsome "I Quit" button, according to Eugene Siegel, M.D., Captain of the Great American Smokeout.

A survey conducted after the 1980 Great American Smokeout showed that about 5 million cigarette smokers did not smoke at all on the day of the Smokeout and about 2.2 million cigarette smokers were still not smoking 1 to 10 days later. Dr. Siegel said, "We'd like to reward those who are still not smoking."

"One thing the Smokeout does is show smokers they CAN 'get the pack off their back' for one day at a time," he added.

Ex-smokers can also call 469-3011 for buttons.

NATIONAL HONOR FOR LAKE PARK STUDENT

Lynn Beckerman, 178 Lockwood Lane, has won a national award for her work in Illinois history. Lynn is a student at Lake Park High School.

Lynn's entry in National History Day was a model of the archeological site where she dug at Kampsville, Illinois during the summers of 1980 and 1981. The Kampsville dig is sponsored by Northwestern University Foundation for Illinois Archeology. An article on the project will appear in *Early Man*, Northwestern's history journal.

To win, nationally, Lynn answered questions by three judges about her project. One of the judges represented The Smithsonian Institute and another NASA. The judging took place at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.

Lynn's mother accompanied her to College Park. Mrs. Beckerman also takes part in the annual dig at Kampsville. Sponsor for local participants in the dig and in the contest is T.J. Perkins of Bloomingdale, who teaches social studies at Westfield School.

The Marklund Home

Intelligent Loving Care For The Handicapped Child

Warmest Holiday greetings to our friends in the community. Because of you, the 100 handicapped children of Marklund Home, the staff and the parents of the children look back upon 1981 with happy memories and look forward to 1982 with encouragement and joy.

We invite you to our annual Open House on Sunday, December 13th - 1 pm to 5 pm. The MM Foundation is having a small stocking stuffer bazaar in our Lobby on that day.

On February 7, 1982 we will be having our first Silent Auction at the Elmhurst Country Club at 12:30 pm. This is also a brunch. We still need items to auction. If you are free to help us, please call Cathy Collie at 529-2871.

"Volunteering is one of the nicest things I do for myself" said Sue Cargill, a long-time volunteer at Marklund Home. We heartily invite you to tour Marklund Home, meet the children, and consider volunteering in any capacity.

1982 presents uncertainty for all of us as we try to find financial assistance for the children's medical needs. We are deeply grateful to groups like the Bloomingdale Women's Club for their steadfast compassion and help for the children.



Children at Marklund Home receive not only excellent medical care, but a great deal of love and affection from workers and volunteers too.

They have voted to donate the proceeds of their 8th annual Fashion Show to the children at Marklund Home. The Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, April 24, 1982.

For newcomers to Bloomingdale, we extend a sincere welcome to one of the finest family-oriented and pleasant communities in the U.S. We hope you will feel comfortable in getting acquainted with Marklund Home. We serve 100 handicapped children who live at Marklund Home. The home is 27 years old. We have a State-approved Special Education School on-site, a State certified nurses aide training program, a social program for the children through the volunteers, and 24 hour nursing service. We are happy to tour groups and individuals as we feel that meeting the children is an unforgettable experience producing lasting friends.

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PACK #57 SAYS THANKS!

Cub Scout Pack 57 would like to extend its gratitude and appreciation to all the businesses and associations whose contributions helped to make our Candlelight Bowl such a success. Also a very special thank you goes to Mrs. Pat Mendygral for all her hard work and effort in bringing it all together.

Also, a big thank you to all the residents of Bloomingdale, families,

and friends of our Cub Scouts who purchased Christmas wreaths. All the boys worked very hard and will share in the joy whenever they see one of the wreaths displayed.



SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENT

by Richard E. Haberstich, Acting Director of Building & Zoning

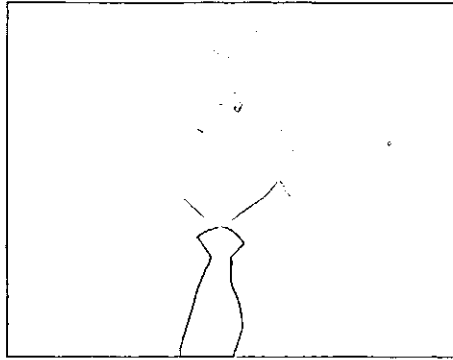
STRATFORD MALL

The following are under construction:

His & Hers Alterations - Alterations
Phoenix Jewelry - Gift Jewelry
I Natural Cosmetics - Cosmetics
O'Connor and Goldberg -
Shoe Store
Overland Trading - Shoe Store

The following opened recently:

So-Fro - Fabrics
Paddors - Women's Apparel
Tick Tock - Clock Gift Shop
Brooks Fashions -
Women's Apparel
Fudge House - Fudge & Candy
In Bath - Bath Boutique
LaBelle Swim Wear - Clothing
Christian Bernard - Jewelry
The Earring Tree - Costume Jewelry
Schaffer's Soup & Salad -
Restaurant
Walgreens - Retail Drug Store
Two Plus Two - Gift Jewelry



Richard E. Haberstich



IN OTHER AREAS OF THE VILLAGE

Springbrook Shopping Center
(Opened Recently)

Mon Cher Boutique - Children's
Clothes, infant to size 6x,
boys to size 7

Naked Furniture -

Unfinished Furniture

Crown Books - Retail Book Store

Circle Center (Opened Recently)

Pik Kwik - Grocery Store

Around Stratford (Opened Recently)

Red Lobster - Restaurant

Army Trail Road

Toys "R" Us - Toy Store

Army Trail Road

Under Construction

Burger King - Fast Food Restaurant
Stratford Drive

WATER-SAVING TIPS

Do not use garbage disposals except at the end of cooking or clean-up periods or when full. Whenever possible, don't use the disposal at all; compost vegetable peelings for your garden or put them in the garbage can.

Take shorter showers. Unless a shower lasts seven minutes or less, bathing in the tub will use less water and will conserve energy. A kitchen timer is a useful bathroom accessory. The "Navy" shower - use water to get wet, turn off water while lathering, turn on water to rinse - uses the least water. The amount of water used in tub-shower is easily determined by closing the drain during the shower.

When filling the tub, don't let water run down the drain until it gets hot. Instead, close the drain before turning on the faucet. The water will soon be hot and the temperature can be adjusted later as the tub fills.

Use only the minimum water to cook foods; flavor and food value may be wasted along with water.

Run an automatic dishwasher only with full loads. Do not prewash dishes unless necessary. To save energy, turn the dishwasher off at the start of the dry cycle, open the door, and let the dishes air-dry.

Do not use the extra-long prewash and scrub cycles on the dishwasher unless absolutely necessary.

Run clothes washers only with a full load unless a reduced fill setting is available. Use "warm" or "cold" settings if possible.

Do not let faucets run for washing or rinsing. Always fill a container with water for this purpose or use the sink by stoppering the drain.

Don't use the toilet simply to flush away facial tissues, paper, and other similar solid and liquid wastes (using a wastepaper basket is a lot cheaper).

"Recycle" the water used to cook vegetables by using it in soups to add flavor and nutrients.

The Bloomingdale Park District is excited about its Winter Programs and we hope after reading our new Schedule you are too. Something new has been added and this is our “Adventure Series.” This series enables us to bring a greater range of classes to both youth and adults. Some examples are: Chess, Electronics, Weaving, Computer Fun, and many more. In addition to these, we will be running our regular classes: Ballet, Gymnastics, Pre-School, etc.

Reaction to our Museum Workshops was so positive, we will be conducting another series featuring: Spring Centerpiece, Fresh and Dry Flower Arranging and more.

For the third year, we will be having a Boy's Basketball League (Grades 3-8). Each year this program gets bigger and we expect our biggest year ever. An added bonus is the use of our very own gymnasium.

Remember, our gym facility will be open daily over the holidays. So, if your children have too much energy, bring them over to our game room and gym. Call the Park office for open gym hours. Phone 529-3650.

If you haven't registered yet, do so now. Registration began December 14. Classes for Winter I begin January 11.

The Museum will be exhibiting Dolls, Christmas Art from Around the World, and a collection of Army trucks and tanks World War II Variety. Call the Park District office for times and special viewings.



The restoration of Bloomingdale's Old Town has run into definite conflict. On the one hand, we are trying to develop the Old Town area, restoring old buildings and building new structures following certain criteria for the “old” look. Yet the Historical Society has been asked to remove all of Bloomingdale's historical artifacts from the Museum. Now what better place for an historical museum than in the middle of the Old Town area in one of the Village's oldest structures?

Jo Ellen Iden
114 N. Maple

The Park District applauds the efforts of the Village and Old Town Commission on the commercial development in the Old Town area. It is truly a sign of progress, growth and changing times in Bloomingdale. The Park District feels that operating a museum with changing displays and being open on a regular basis each month will not only provide district residents with the opportunity to view many different and changing exhibits, but will also provide a benefit to the commercial areas of Old Town and their customers.

Thomas Iovern
Park District Director

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Why haven't they installed light poles around Schick and Gary, also Wheaton Rd.? It's so dark around Stratford Square. There would be less accidents and more shoppers out there if it were lit properly.

Name withheld by request.

The street lights along Wheaton and Schick and on the entrances to Stratford are scheduled to be completed in January, 1982. Problems with the light poles several months ago have resulted in delays in getting the light system completed. Eighteen additional lights have recently been installed around Stratford Square.

Daniel C. Wennerholm
Village Engineer

Since our Park District supposedly doesn't have the funds to maintain the baseball fields for the children and sees fit to cancel a class, which in their eyes is too small, how can the poor Park District possibly afford \$7,000 for a fireworks display - especially when we understand Stratford Square offered to do this for \$2,000?

Name withheld by request

Maintenance of Park District baseball fields does not rely solely on money. Time available, weather, staffing, and physical condition of each field play an important part in getting the fields into “playable condition.” Unfortunately, this year all factors were on the negative side.

Each year the staff reviews the past year's classes. Many factors enter into this evaluation, i.e. attendance, teacher effectiveness and cooperation, space, etc. When a class falls below the minimum set by either the Park District or teacher, it will be evaluated. On this evaluation some classes are cancelled.

Lastly, Stratford Square never contacted us about a \$2,000 donation. We heard the Mall was thinking about having fireworks and we went to them, trying to consolidate efforts, but they never got back to us regarding this and their own plans were scratched.

Thomas Lovern
Park District Director

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What's the status of Cable TV in Bloomingdale? We haven't heard anything in quite awhile.

Name withheld by request.

The Cable TV Consortium consisting of Bloomingdale, Roselle, Itasca, Carol Stream and Wood Dale is reviewing the final draft of the franchise agreement with Metrovision. Among the many divisions of this agreement to be settled on are various services available, the con-

YOU THINK?"

struction schedule, service call procedures, and the rights of the subscribers. If the final negotiations run smoothly the earliest possible date for beginning hook-ups is August or September, 1982. Total completion of the project will be approximately two years from the first hook-ups.

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The light in the shopping center on Circle and Lake St. has made it easier to get out onto Lake St., but now they have posted signs not to cut through this area. I think this is terrible. Why don't they post signs when the traffic is bad to let folks use the shopping area?

Mrs. Bertha Brosche
191 Hillcrest Terrace

During this coming Winter, we will be investigating the feasibility of widening Circle to provide a separate left turn lane at Lake Street to alleviate some of the traffic backup on Circle.

In regard to the use of private property (The Circle Shopping Center),

the owner of this property does not wish to have by-pass traffic using the parking area. This parking lot and entrance drives were constructed for access to the shopping center and not to alleviate other problems.

Daniel Wennerholm
Village Engineer

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The Springbrook area is very attractive, but what about the single family homes on the south side of Lake St. from Prairie to Euclid? One of the houses has been converted into office space, what about the others?

Name withheld by request.

Allen Kracower, the Village Planner, advises me that all of the Lake St. properties in Bloomingdale would possibly become some type of business use. The area in question would be referred to as a transition area. This means these properties would be considered on a case by

case basis for light professional office type business. This type of use might be the most appropriate to buffer the remaining residential area from heavy commercial use in the area and the heavy noise and traffic from Lake St.

Richard E. Haberstich
Acting Director
of Building and Zoning

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What can be done about the terrible smell at the sewer plant on Edgewater and Glen Ellyn Roads? It makes our homes smell awful during Spring and Fall when the windows are open.

Name withheld by request.

The Public Works Dept. asks that residents jot down the phone number for the Wastewater Treatment Plant as it's not listed in the phone book, nor is it available from Directory Assistance (529-5861). In the future please call with any odor complaints.

Editor

OPINION FEATURE

Please tell us if you have any suggestions or questions for your Village. What you think is important to us. Write your thoughts below, then detach and mail to "What Do You Think," Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108. No unsigned submissions will be considered. The ALMANAC reserves the right to reprint all or part of the submission depending upon length. We do, however, try to retain the gist of the query.

My thoughts are as follows: _____

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