

**PROCLAMATION
LOMBARDIAN 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Lombardian has been a part of the community for 50 years as 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of the hometown newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Ed and Lois MacKay founded the Lombardian newspaper on a whim and a dream in a walk-in closet in their home on West Madison; and

WHEREAS, the first issue of the Lombardian paper bears the date April 1, 1959, was only eight pages long and was literally given away to residents; and

WHEREAS, although Ed MacKay had no knowledge of the newspaper business, he knew he wanted to provide "a Lombard newspaper for Lombard people" and this serves as the motto even today; and

WHEREAS, the Lombardian office moved around town from the home on West Madison, to several other locations in town before moving to its current location at 116 S. Main Street; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 son Scott and his wife Bonnie took over the operation of the newspaper business and then subsequently two years later Ed MacKay passed away; and

WHEREAS, the Lombardian is prided for covering local news which makes it unique and gives the paper the local, hometown feel that it has provided to the community for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, we extend our congratulations to Scott & Bonnie MacKay and the staff of the paper including Steve Spoden, Marguerite Micken, Jane Charmelo and all the employees who consistently work with diligence to deliver the community news to all Lombardians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2009 as Lombardian Day in the Village of Lombard in honor of the Lombardian's 50th anniversary of serving the community.

William J. Mueller
Village President

