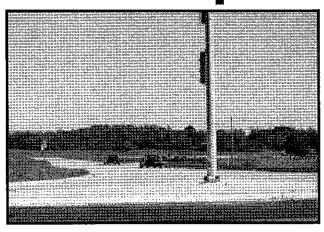
Park & Recreation Holiday Programs

- St. Louis Christmas Shopping Excursion—"Shop-til-you-drop." Fach year we plan to visit a different St. Louis Mall, This year we will travel to the St. Louis Galleria on November 30. A \$5.00 fee covers the trip which includes transportation.
- Christmas Light Tour will be offered on December 13, 1996 for those wanting to see the beautiful Christmas lights. A bus will leave the Roundhouse at 6:30 p.m. Families are welcome.
- Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 8-10:30 a.m. at the Roundhouse for Wood River children, Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be taken for a small fee.
- Hidden Valley Ski Trip for Adults January 18, 1997 will be the Annual Hidden Valley Ski Trip. You can be sure this will be an exciting adult event. One fee will include lift ticket, ski rental and transportation. Bus will leave at 6:45 a.m., and return at 3:30 p.m.)
- Hidden Valley Ski Trip for Youth A special trip to Hidden Valley for high school students only is being planned. A bus will leave the Roundhouse on a Friday evening in January Date to be announced.

Call 251-3130 for additional information.

Connector Road Opens

The new road connecting Route 143 and Route 111 just west of K-Mart has officially opened. This road was funded primarily by Federal Grant funds (FAU), with the County and City sharing the remaining cost. The project scope included two-thirds of a mile of new concrete pavement, new signal lights and channelization at Route 111 and Route 143. Nearly 6,000 vehicles per day travel this new road. The



work, combined with Illinois Department of Transportation's widening of Rt. 143 (which will be complete next year), will greatly improve traffic flow.

The City obtained the necessary right-of-way and temporary construction easements, as well as supplied field engineering and inspection during the construction phase. The City is grateful to Rick Jones who donated a large portion of the required right-of-way which greatly facilitated alignment and preconstruction planning. The project was completed on time and within the projected \$1,225,000 budget.

The City is pleased to have this infrastructure improvement in place in advance of anticipated traffic from the extension of I-255. It is hoped that Wesley Drive will be a convenience for the residents and others who shop and patronize businesses in the area.

ELBLE Street has new curbs and guttering

Through a Community Development grant, the City was able to construct new curbs and gutters on Elble & Murray Streets which will improve drainage. Long time resident Marie Farmer expressed her appreciation saying "I've waited a long time, 56 years for this, and I'm very pleased."



Studnicki, Grand Marshal of Parade

Wood River's 15th Annual Halloween Parade attracted thousands of citizens on a beautiful autumn day, with over 60 units participating in the parade.

Henry Studnicki, the Grand Marshal, and his wife, Delores, enjoyed the long ride through town. Henry, a long-time educator and former Superintendent of East Alton-Wood River High School distributed awards at Central Park after the parade.

Prize for best float: Twin Rivers Search & Rescue Squad, best adult costume: Ed Wilson, best child costume: Nathan Cromwell.



Grand Marshal Henry Studnicki

Video tapes of the parade can be purchased from Manis Photography for \$7.99 and \$1.00 from each tape sold will be donated to the Firefighter's Burn Camp.

The City thanks Firefighter Brian Crawford and his committee for coordinating the parade.

Meet The Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is made up of 13 members, appointed by the Mayor, who generally meet on the third Thursday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Their duties are to prepare and recommend a comprehensive plan for the present and future development of the city, review preliminary and final plats, and recommend changes from time-to-time in the Official Plan. They are assisted by Planning & Zoning Administrator Keith Riesberg.

Public hearings are also conducted by the Plan Commission on zoning amendments, annexations, and subdivisions. They then make recommendations to the City Council. Recently, a new zoning code was adopted by the City Council following the Planning Commission's review and recommendation. Their current project will be updating the City's comprehensive plan.

Members are: Chairman Danny Davis, Kenneth Bryan, Patrick Silvey, Tom Cunningham, Judy Retzer, Andrew Kerkemeyer, Dan Robien, Tommie Myers, Charles Conner, Max Emery, Robert O'Brien, and new member, Robert Drake. These citizens volunteer their time and provide valuable input to the City Council. We commend them for their service.

Snow Routes

Please remember when we have a snowstorm of two inches or more accumulation, it is unlawful to park a vehicle on a snow route until the streets are cleared.



Christmas Tree Recycling

You may dispose of your Christmas tree at the 14th Street Recycling Center at no charge.

The Center is open every Friday, Saturday and Monday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. It will be open on December 27.

Recycling Woes

Together, we are all trying to learn the do's and don't on curbside recycling.

What to put out? What not to put out? How to put it out? We understand the frustration felt when your bin is left at the curbside and not picked up. Our citizens have demonstrated patience as we go through the learning process.

It seems the rules keep changing and additional requirements are put upon us. The changes are coming from the recycling center. When the hauler takes the recyclables to the recycling center, the entire load may be rejected or the hauler is fined if the load contains nonrecyclables. Unfortunately, it is necessary for us to make some changes.

Six Important Rule Changes For Proper Recycling:

- Loosely place glass bottles, plastic milk and soda bottles, and tin and aluminum cans in the blue bin.
 - •DO NOT bag your bottles and cans
 - Remove plastic caps
 - Rinse bottles and cans before placing them in the bin.
- Newspapers must be packed in paper grocery bags and set next to or on top of your blue bin.
- Mixed paper (magazines, junk mall, and office paper) must be packaged separately in paper grocery bags and placed beside the blue bin.
- 4) Cardboard boxes must be flattened and no larger than 2' by 2' pieces and tied with string.
- 5) Please, NO PLASTIC BAGS.
- 6) Toiler paper, containers with syringes, napkins, paper towels, plastic toys, aluminum foil, egg cartons, and any plastics other than #1 and #2 will not be accepted.

Please call 251-3122 if you have any questions.



The Parks & Recreation Department will be sponsoring the following events this winter. For more information, please call 251-3130 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8-Noon and 1-5 p.m.

Gymnastics/Tumbling: Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Roundhouse. There are six sessions, five weeks each. Session IV will begin January 7 and will run through February 6.

Ladies Evening Step Aerobics: Step aerobics are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-6:45 p.m. at the Roundhouse. Instructor Teresa Mize will conduct classes continuous through the winter months. Registration is 15 minutes prior to class. Fee for a 6-week session is \$20.00.

Morning Aerobics: Instructor Merrill Fromme will hold Morning Aerobic classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9-10 a.m. through the winter months. Register before class. Fee: \$27.00 for a 5-week session.

Youth Dance Class: Jazz, tap and ballet will be taught by Teresa Mize for a fee of \$20 per month. Classes are offered for Beginners, Advanced, Advanced Beginners and Intermediate.

Saturday Matinees: Matinees will be offered on Saturday afternoons for students in grades 1 thru 5. Dates for matinees are November 9 & 23, December 7, January 4 & 18 and February 22. Admission is free! Popcorn and soda are \$.25. Bring a friend and watch a movie on the BIG SCREEN at the Roundhouse.

Rules of the Road: A free session, sponsored by the Secretary of State's Office, is held at the Roundhouse to review the basic rules of driving. It is geared toward senior citizens although others may attend. Sessions are held from 9-11 a.m. December 10, February 11 and April 8.

Senior Adult Program 55+: Residents, age 55 and over, are invited to join in activities at the Roundhouse for an annual fee of \$10.00. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. the second Thursday of each month. Lunch is provided for special occasions: Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.



Aquatic Center Passes on Sale at Last Year's Prices.

Call The Recreation
Department at 251-3130
for details.



Everything's On Sale!

- •Polo Shirts
- •Clubs
- •Hats
- •Golf Balls
- Shoes

Call 618-251-3115 • 314-355-1100

Notes from Planning & Zoning



Home Ownership
"Make It a Reality"

The strength of any community is its residents. While all residents have a stake in their community, homeowners generally have a greater interest in the future of their city. Homeowners have a sense of ownership and public responsibility that creates stability within the community.

Recent trends have made it more difficult for persons to become homeowners. The rising costs of houses combined with a competitive employee work-place has pushed the dream of owning a home out of many people's reach. To counter this trend, several programs were established to make it easier for people to become homeowners.

Madison County Community Development (MCCD) operates a program that offers low-interest loans and partial grants to assist people in buying a house. This program can offer up to \$10,000 worth of assistance per household. Mercantile Bank and Magna Bank both participate with MCCD in this program. For more information on this program, call 692-8940.

In addition to their participation with MCCD, Magna Bank has a separate loan program called "Opportunity Plus." This is a program which allows the bank to adjust the terms of the loan to make them more favorable for a person buying a house. Mercantile Bank also offers a program similar to that of Magna Bank's. Persons wanting more information about these loan programs are encouraged to contact the banks.

Owning a home not only allows you to own your residence but allows you to own a piece of the community. All members of the community benefit from the stability and sense of civic responsibility demonstrated by homeowners. Because of this, the City supports any program that enables more people to become homeowners. These programs foster community activism, thereby making Wood River a better place to live.



HALL OF FAME



Police Officer Darin Reddin and Fire Captain Mark Burris

Alertness and quick action can sometimes save lives. In this issue of the Pipeline our Hall of Fame salutes two public service employees for their extra-ordinary performance which saved a life.

Fire Captain Mark Burris, while attending a high school football game, administered cardio-pulmonary resuscitation to a young girl who had collapsed and was neither breathing nor had a sustained pulse. Thanks to the professional care given by Burris, the girl is fine and apparently suffers no ill effects.

Police Officer Darin Reddin, quickly responded to a desperate 911 phone call that a premature baby had stopped breathing. He saw the address on the 911 screen, as the call came in, and dashed to his squad car. When he arrived, the baby had no reflexes and no heartbeat. He performed CPR and all of a sudden the baby sighed and started breathing. The baby is now home and doing great.

We're proud of our professionally trained staff and their dedication to our community.

Retiring After 30 Years



Rita Carter and Mayor Smith

Rita Carter retired on June 28 after 30 years as police telecommunicator. The City Council recently recognized Rita at a Council meeting in appreciation for her many years of service. The telecommunicator position is an extremely responsible and stressful job which Rita handled with ease. Her calm and friendly manner

will be missed by all. Rita's favorite pastime is playing BINGO (and winning) and enjoying time with her family.

We wish her much happiness in her retirement.

A Tribute to Service

Congratulations to the following City employees with significant service anniversaries during 1996.

20 Years



Jean Bruce



Connie Holbert



Leonard Proffer



Marsha Yarnell

15 Years



Delmar Gusewelle



Jim Schneider

10 Years



Steve Alexander



Otto Rice



Diane Steele

Photographs were not available for the following:

25 Years: Sue Spencer

Joe Graziana

15 Years: Bill Webber

Kaye Lorraine Bob Brown

10 Years: Jeff Warren



New To The Scene...

At City Hall



Melody Waggoner

High School student Melody Waggoner has been hired through the Cooperative Education Program as a part-time secretary in the City Clerk's office. Melody is a Senior at East Alton-Wood River Community High School and plans to pursue a career as a legal secretary. She lives with her parents Ron & Sharon Waggoner in East Alton.

Melody enjoys shopping, talking on the phone, driving her new Mustang, spending time with her friends and family & attending Blues hockey games!

In The Police Department



Chris Slusser & Steve Horton

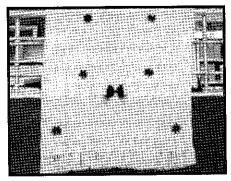
The Wood River Police Department is happy to introduce our two cadets. Chris Slusser and Steve Horton are pursuing a career in law enforcement at Lewis & Clark Community College. Although their major role is that of Animal Control Officers, they also assist officers with various tasks including enforcement of parking ordinances, directing traffic, registering bicycles, etc.

We are pleased to have them and hope they continue to further their careers in Law Enforcement.



Library News





- The Friends of the Library are at it again! They are raffling off a cream colored afghan (1st prize) and baby bear doll (2nd prize). Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held on December 9, at the Bake Sale.
 - Last Summer, winners from the quilt/ \$50 raffle were Jean Burgess and Beth Smith. The Friends purchased a computer and printer for the library with monies raised from the raffle and May book sale. The Board and Staff wish to thank the Friends for all their time and effort.

- Another big thanks goes out to the First Christian Church of Wood River. The congregation took up an offering in May recognizing their 75th anniversary. Ten percent of this offering was designated for community outreach. The library received \$2,000 from this to buy new computer equipment. The library cannot thank the First Christian Church members enough for their generous gift.
- Come check out the 61 new sports and recreation videos added to the library through an Illinois State Library LSCA grant.
- All family tree buffs are welcome to come join the genealogy group meetings at the library on the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. Lestine Thien and Paula Seaman are guiding this group. Genealogy interests are really growing from the roots up!!!

REMINDER of Children's Library Programs:

Preschool programs are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m and Grades: 1-6 are held on the 3rd Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

From the Wood River Police Department Holiday Reminders

- 1. Park your vehicle at well-lit locations, lock it, and pocket the keys.
- 2. Place all packages in the trunk of your vehicle.
- 3. Carry your purse under your arm.
- 4. Retain or destroy all credit card carbons.
- 5. Do not allow young children to be on their own. If they become lost from you, instruct them to contact a store employee.
- 6. When you leave, make sure your home appears occupied. Leave lighting, radio or T.V. on, and be sure to lock all doors.

If you plan to be out of town for the holidays, contact the Police department at 251-3113, and we will make arrangements to check you home while you're away.

Buckle Up and Don't Drink and Drive!





Museum Captures Spirit of Lewis & Clark Charles James, Vi

May 14, 1804— In the words of Captain William Clark from his field notes:

Monday May 14th. "A cloudy morning fixing for a start. Some provisions on examination is found to be wet Rain at 9 o'clock. Many of the neighbors came from the Countrey Mail and fee mail. rained the greater part of the day Set out from Camp River at DuBois at 4 o'clock p.m. and proceeded up the Missouri under sail to the first Island in the Missouri..."

We, the citizens of Wood River, inhabit a place where an unprecedented his torical event of our nation took place. This is the actual spot where Lewis & Clark made winter preparations in 1803 at their fort, Camp Wood, located on the Wood River. The river at that time flowed directly out of what would be the City of Wood River. On May 14, 1804, the conti-

Charles James, Vice President & Chairman, Building & Grounds

nent of some 30 personnel left our city, a wilderness at that time, for that epic journey to the West Coast—a journey comparable to the discovery of America by Columbus.

To celebrate this and other events including Indian activities, Benbow City, and the AMOCO era, the Wood River Heritage Council is in the midst of assembling a wonderful museum and Lewis & Clark Memorial.

It's mind boggling to try to count up all the free man-hours that have gone into this project. Demolition work began last winter with Bud Cordes and Don Bollman and now a few months later, we are about ready to move in and prepare exhibits. It's an impossible job to list all the workers, but there are some who hardly missed a work session. Non-members such as Mel Arnold, Bob Hall, Jim McBride, George Nauyok, and Joe Valdes, as well as many of the Amocare people have been faithful with their labors and special knowledge. Hats off to them all!

Museum Sets Opening Date

The Wood River Heritage Council·has selected May 10, 1997 as the official opening day for the Wood River Museum and Visitor's Center.

Although the departure of Lewis and Clark from Camp DuBois on May 14, 1804 was done without fanfare or ceremony, the Heritage Council has planned a day of fun and festivities for the 1997 Commemoration. Exhibits will be in place, the brick and stone courtyard will be completed and the Lewis & Clark Memorial Gazebo will be ready for visitors. A history tour of selected Wood River sites is being planned and special food and entertainment will be available. More information will be announced as plans are completed.

The work at the museum is still in progress but visitors are welcome and volunteers are always needed. Membership in the Wood River Heritage Council is open to everyone. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Lawanda Smith, President

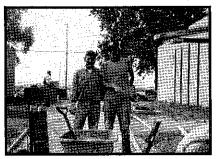
To Order Your Brick or Stone,
Fill out the form below,
clip and mail
to the Heritage Council.

Yes, I want to order an engraved brick for the Lewis & Clark Memorial!	Brick Inscription: (3 lines available, 12 letters per line)
NameAddress	Mail this coupon with \$50.00 made payable to: Lewis & Clark Memorial. Send check to: Lewis & Clark Memorial, P.O. Box 222, Wood River, IL 62095
State ZipZipZip	Please Print Exactly What Is To Be Engraved On Your Brick Only one character (letter, number, or punctuation mark) or space per square. Position or center your name or message exactly as you want it to appear on your brick. Hyphens, periods, apostrphes, commas, the symbol "&" are available. Use additional forms to order more than one brick. Single bricks can have from 1-3 lines. No more than 14 characters per line, including punctuation.

Museum Gets Help From Many



Special thanks to the Apprentice Bricklayers and their instructor Doug Lane who laid the brick wall in the courtyard.



Volunteers Orville Holtman and Raymond Spann from the Wood River Labor Local 338 assisted the brick layers.

Amazingly, 370 bricks and 56 granite stones have been purchased for the Lewis & Clark Memorial. In a short time, these will be set out for all to enjoy. Our able recorder, Betty Lackey, is responsible for many of these sales. Renee Ory has maintained complete financial records on his computer and reports status of the fund in a moment.

Al White has made all basic preparations in the courtyard to include grading, drainage, wall foundation and flag pole installation. He is planning for lamp bases and will be the person who sets our stones and bricks in place. We all respect his skills, energy and enthusiasm.

Due to many requests we have extended our sales deadline for the purchase of stones and bricks (engraved) to January 15, 1997. Don't be disappointed. Get your order in before we run out of space. We have sold two granite benches but have room for two more. Call 258-1759 for details. See application on page 6.

Charles A. James Chairman Brick Committee

BUSINESS HAPPENINGS IN WOOD RIVER...

New Business

"River City" Sports Corner, Inc.

Sports Supply, Screen Printing, Embroidery & Pro Shop Sharon Owens & Carolyn Drake 29 E. Ferguson 254 3507

Bargain Variety

Variety Shop Joe Dungan, Jr. 10 N. wood River Ave.

Professional Services Group

Your Water and Wastewater Parmer William A. Coleman, Vice President 929 E. Edwardsville Road 259-6545

Wood River Ford Rental

Rental Vehicles Tim Smith, Manager 931 E. Edwardsville Road 259-7285

Metro East Auto Mart

Used Car Lot Marty Fite & Terry Pollard, Owners 1404 Edwardsville Road 254-2886

Interchange Flooring Systems

Commercial & Residential Flooring Supplies, Tools & Service Ed Herrin, Owner 13 E. Perguson 254-8367

Peterie Real Estate Appraisal Co.

Appraisals of Real Estate Thomas Haida, Owner 219 Central Avenue 254-1997

CeeKay Supply, Inc.

Retail Commercial Gaves & Welding Supplies Ken LaBoube, Manager 305 Old St. Louis Road 254-4090

Mid-Land Supply Company

Plumbing Supply Warehouse Larry Qualls 102 Haller 254-4300

A Wild Hair

Beauty Salon/Barber Shop Bev Beierman, Owner 501 Whitelaw 251-6062

Relocated

Waltco Tool

Moved to 1005 E. Edwardsville Road Charles Sanderson, Owner 259-5133

Medicine Shoppe

Moved to 901 Edwardsville road Mike Cleary, Owner 259-0085

White Swan Antiques

Moyed to 615 E. Edwardsville Road Brenda White, Owner

Changed Name

Plato Computer is now On Line Services 82 E. Ferguson 254-8618

Additions & Improvements

Reorganized
Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints
2001 Vaughn Road
630 square foot addition

Wert's Welding

405 Old St. Louis Road 11,520 square foot addition

Council Corner

As the Fall season has arrived, it seems the right time to congratulate the multitude of Wood River citizens who have cared enough to spruce up, repair and renovate their property. Driving through town, I've noticed the new front porch and blue vinyl siding that one East Rockhill Road resident has added, the beautifully new landscaped front yard in the 800 block of Penning, and I personally enjoy the well-tended rose garden at First and Acton. One of our local contractors is presently siding an older home at the other end of Acton and it looks terrific, and the list could go on.

Churches and other service agencies are signing up to keep our major thoroughfares neat and free of debris. I'm proud of each of these groups that are working together in support of our community.

The downtown area is occupied at near capacity and there are many neat shops to visit. Plenty of good clean well-lighted parking has been provided by the City for the convenience of shoppers.

The Wood River Heritage Council is leasing a building constructed in 1920 and renovation is underway to provide a facility for housing the history of our nearly 100 year-old City. A brick wall has been built and engraved bricks and stones will soon be laid in the courtyard next to the museum. Plans for the Lewis and Clark Memorial Gazebo in Dwiggins Park are complete with funding provided by the downtown business people. This timely addition to the park is in recognition of a significant event in the history of our country and the important contribution of Camp Wood River.

When I see so many individuals and groups interested and involved in working together it makes me proud of our community. I'm equally proud of the efforts the staff and municipal employees make to do an efficient job. Their "can do" attitude gives us an edge in taking care of responsibilities and meeting the goals we have for our City. The City Council has made progress in working together to best serve its constituents.

As always, we welcome your input in making and accomplishing goals in Wood River. I'm proud of our City and all of our citizens who contribute to its success. Let's keep the momentum going in our goals for a good place to live and work.

Your Mayor, Lon A. Smith

City Manager's Comments

The 1996 Calendar year was a challenging year for the City Council and staff. I'd like to share with you some of our accomplishments, as well as our disappointment with the Polsky project.

- The Connector Road between Illinois State Routes 143 and 111 was completed. This was an FAU road project funded by a Federal Grant.
- New curbs and guttering were installed on Elble Street through Community Development Grant Funds.
- Through a cooperative effort between the Fire Department, Police Communications and Public Services, the City improved their fire insurance rating to a class 4. The lowering of our fire rating will benefit all of our residents and businesses.
- A curb-side recycling program was instituted in accordance with County ordinance which mandated that the city reduce our waste stream by 25%. Curb-side recycling will continue to be evaluated as we continue to explore alternatives to our waste disposal.
- The Madison Avenue corridor continues to develop with the addition of the new Atlas Credit Union building. Currently, request for proposals are being accepted for development between Third and Fourth Street, as well as the 500 block of Madison.
- A major decrease in the Amoco Corporations equalized assessed value dictated that the City work very diligently to reduce our overall spending. Through a cooperative effort of department heads and the City Council, the overall City budget was reduced by \$1.4 million. We have tried to maintain a high degree of service level, however, this reduction has forced us to postpone some major improvements and repairs.
- The repeal of the Retail Rate Law by the Illinois State Legislature was certainly disappointing to the City of Wood River. This legislative action essentially destroyed the potential for Polsky Energy to develop the Wood River Energy Center within the Lewis & Clark EnviroTECH Business Park. The City Council and staff worked diligently for over two years to see this project become a reality. It is certainly ironic that on the day that the Wood River Energy Center received all of their necessary permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Governor signed the repeal of the Retail Rate Law Legislation into effect. On the brighter side of things, we still have several prospects for the Business Park and we will keep you abreast of any future developments within the park.

As you can see from above, there are many things happening, within the City of Wood River. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 251-3100.

Joey Tolbert



