

May 1996

THE PIPELINE

"Where Lewis & Clark Began"

Upcoming Events

May 17 & 18

Library Book Sale and Flea Market at Wood River Roundhouse, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

June 1

Youth League Parade, 10:00 a.m.

June 3-13

Spring Clean-up (see Schedule inside)

June 9

Bob Kuban Brass Band, 8:00 p.m.

July 2

Wood River Night at Busch Stadium

August 10

11th Annual Triathlon, 7:00 a.m.

August 18

Gabe & the All Star Band, 7:00 p.m.

The Aquatic Center's

Pool and Slide

Are Available for

Private Party Rental.

Please Call 251-3110

for information.

Aquatic Center Opens May 25

The Aquatic Center opening day is scheduled for Saturday, May 25th, 1996. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Adult swim); noon to 7 p.m. (Slide open); and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. (pool open). In addition, the Aquatic Center has scheduled the following lessons and activities during the summer:

Swim Lessons

Learn to Swim Program: Fee: \$22.00. The Aquatic Center conducts a complete series of public swimming lessons following the American Red Cross Aquatics Program. Students successfully completing a swim course will receive a Red Cross certification card. Children must be 4 years of age to register.

Session I June 10 - June 21

Session II July 1 - July 12

Session III July 22 - August 2

All sessions will meet Monday through Friday.

All classes will be completed by 11 a.m.

Classes Offered

Beginner

Advance Beginner

Swimmer

Mom & Tot Program: Fee: \$20.00

This program is for children under four. An adult must accompany the child in class. (Parent, guardian, grandparent, etc.)

Water Aerobics Program: Fee: \$24.00 per session

Keep in shape and cool off during one of our Aerobic Exercise Programs. Please come early to class so you can register for these.

Morning Sessions: Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Session I June 3 through July 11

Session II July 15 through August 21

Evening Sessions: Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Session I June 3 through July 11

Session II July 15 through August 22

Swim Team Program: fee: \$20.00

The Wood River Swim Team Program is a low intensity swim program designed to provide participants with the opportunity to swim competitively. The emphasis of this program is on professional teaching of competitive strokes and competitive skills, providing physical fitness and exposing swimmers to competition.

Practice Times will be Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Wood River Aquatic Center. Participants should attend at least three practices a week. Call the Recreation Department for more information.

Summertime Fun With Park & Rec Activities

The Recreation Department will be holding the following events this summer. For more information, please call 251-3130, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Youth League Parade—The Annual Youth League Parade will be held on Saturday, June 1. This Parade will consist of all youth league baseball/softball participants, Tri City, Bi-City and Wood River Instructional League. The parade will end at Emerick Sports Complex on 6th Street, where youth league games will be held to kick off the season.

Gymnastics Camp—There will be a summer gymnastic program held this year. Tumbling on Tuesdays and Gymnastic will be held on Thursdays with equipment. Registration will begin April 29 through May 24. Sessions will run from May until August. There will be two five-week sessions. Classes will be held in the evening hours.

Triathlon—The 11th annual Wood River Triathlon, starts with a swim at the Aquatic Center, followed by a bike ride and run through the streets of Wood River. The race finishes in Central Park near the bandstand. Professional timers are used and trophies are awarded to each age group. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 10 at 7:00 a.m.

Tennis Lessons—Tennis lessons will be available for beginners ages 10 to adult. The two week instructional program will be held at the East Alton-Wood River High School tennis courts on Monday through Friday mornings from 8-10 a.m., July 8 through July 12. The fee is \$20.00 per person. The registration deadline is July 3.

Summer Day Camp—The Recreation Department will once again have a summer day camp program for children ages 5 (by 6/1/95) through 11 years old. Day camp is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., June 17 through July 26. Pre registration is required in person. A limit of 50 children will be accepted. Registration May 6th - May 31st.

Cheerleading Camp—will be offered June 10-14th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Roundhouse. This camp will involve sideline cheers, a floor cheer and assistance with mounts. Third through sixth grade students are invited. The registration deadline is May 31. The fee is \$12.00 for a five day period.

City Night at Busch Stadium—Tickets can be purchased at the City Hall. Wood River night at Busch Stadium will be July 2nd. The cost will be \$7.50 for reserved bleachers. This price includes transportation. For more information please call 251-3100 or 251-3122.

Summer Concerts—Throughout the summer, concerts are featured in Central Park free of charge to the public. The following concert is scheduled at this time. Gabie & the All Star Band: August 18th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. (rain date: August 25th) Bob Kuban Brass Band: June 9th from 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Municipal Band Concerts—The Municipal Band performs in Central Park on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. throughout the summer months of June, July and August. Anyone is invited to stop by and enjoy the wonderful music under the direction of Marion Strohmann.

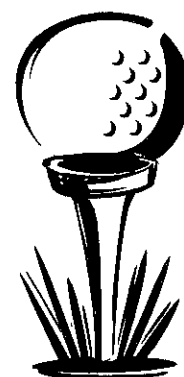
Rules of the Road—Rules of the Road is provided free through the Secretary of State's Office at the Recreation Department. It is geared towards Senior Citizens, although others may attend. Classes are held at the Roundhouse on the following Tuesdays: June 11, Aug. 13, October 8.

Senior Adult Program 55+—Residents age 55 and over are invited to join in fun activities for an annual fee of \$10.00. Meeting are held at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Lunch is provided for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. On the other months, a meat will be provided and you are asked to bring a covered dish. Lunch is usually followed by Bingo or some type of entertainment.



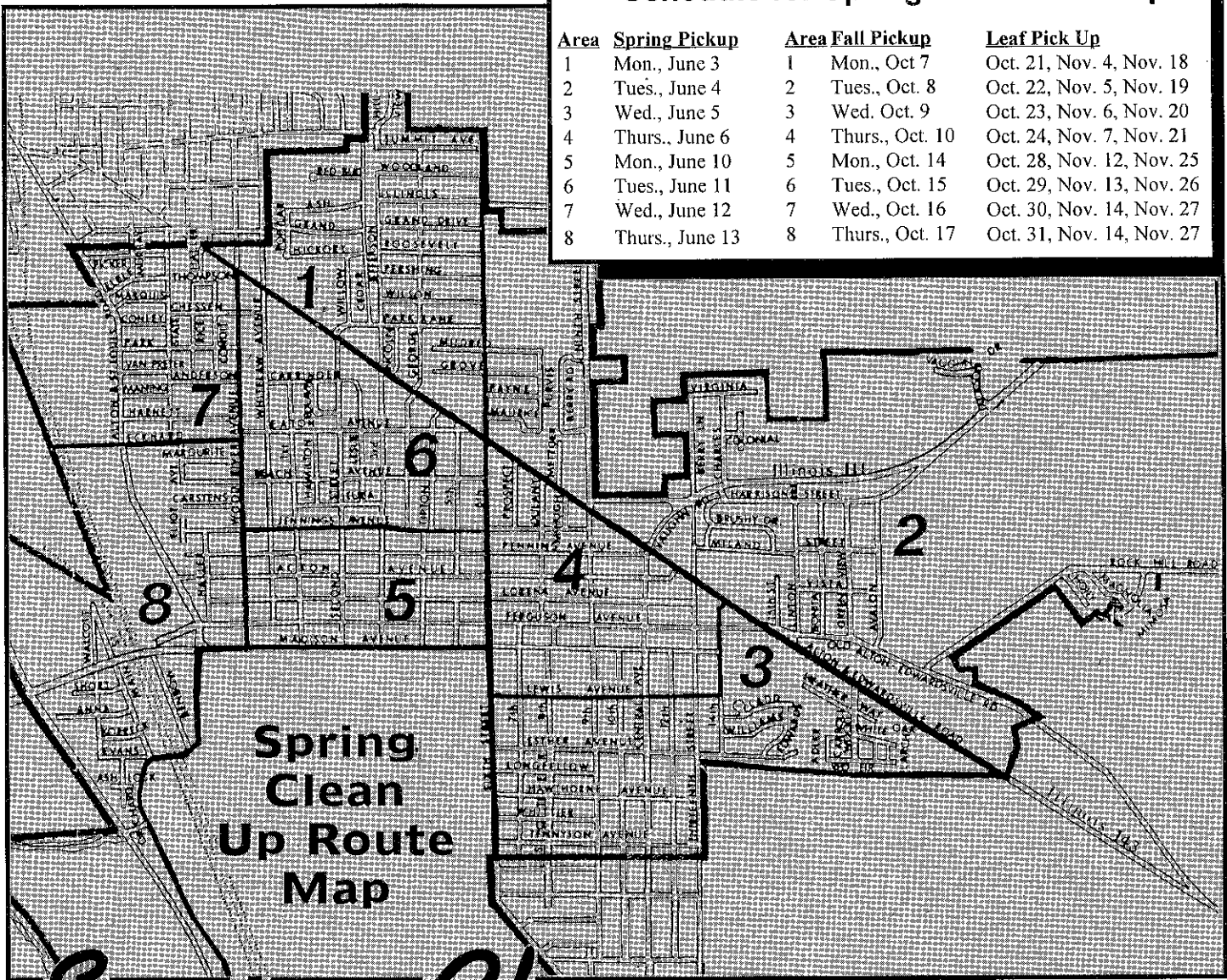
Remember Dad this Father's Day with a Gift from Belk Park!

Visit our Pro Shop where new inventory and sale items are on display.
Gift certificates are available.



Schedule for Spring & Fall Clean-Up

Area	Spring Pickup	Area	Fall Pickup	Leaf Pick Up
1	Mon., June 3	1	Mon., Oct 7	Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18
2	Tues., June 4	2	Tues., Oct. 8	Oct. 22, Nov. 5, Nov. 19
3	Wed., June 5	3	Wed. Oct. 9	Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 20
4	Thurs., June 6	4	Thurs., Oct. 10	Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 21
5	Mon., June 10	5	Mon., Oct. 14	Oct. 28, Nov. 12, Nov. 25
6	Tues., June 11	6	Tues., Oct. 15	Oct. 29, Nov. 13, Nov. 26
7	Wed., June 12	7	Wed., Oct. 16	Oct. 30, Nov. 14, Nov. 27
8	Thurs., June 13	8	Thurs., Oct. 17	Oct. 31, Nov. 14, Nov. 27



Spring Cleanup

The Annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for June 3 -13, 1996. To assure pickup, all items must be placed at the front curb by 8 a.m. on your scheduled day. **After the truck has been in your area, it will not return.**

If we fall behind schedule we will continue the following day where we left off.

The City will pick up large bulky items such as sofas, chairs, bedroom furniture, mattresses, tables, carpet, tv's, lumber (if cut in 4' lengths and tied in bundles weighing less than 75#), etc.

Since 1992, the State of Illinois has banned "white goods" from the landfills. Therefore, we are sorry that we will not be able to pick up the following items: stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, dishwashers, furnaces, hot water heaters, air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers and trash compactors. Other items that will not be picked up are: brush and landscape waste, tires, batteries, wheels, gasoline, motor oil, anti-freeze, liquid waste, hazardous waste, unopened barrels, concrete blocks and large amounts of building materials.

Special Pick-Ups Available

Each Wednesday, Midwest Sanitation will pick up bulky items for a fee of \$20 per truckload. Arrangements must be made in advance by calling 251-3131.

Changes In Fire Department



Retired Fire Captain

Captain Robert Borman retired March 14th after nearly 22 years with the department. Prior to that, he was with the Police Department for six years and attained the rank of sergeant.

We wish Bob a Happy Retirement.

Robert Borman

Promoted to Captain

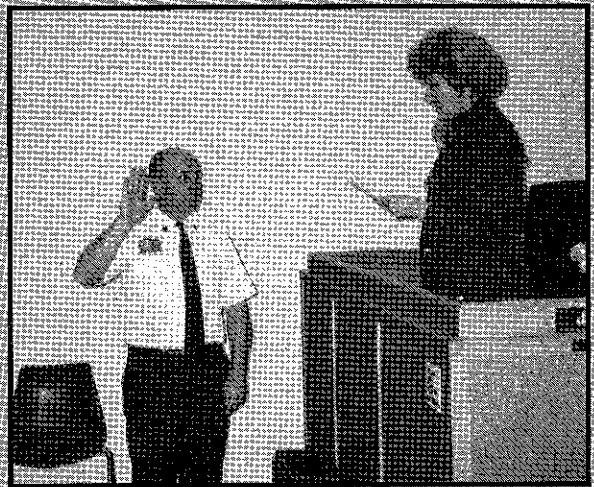
Dana Emerick was appointed to the rank of Captain, replacing Robert Borman. Dana has been with the Department for ten years. He is the Fire Prevention Officer, educating our young school children on safety, and heads our Juvenile Fire Setter program, counseling children who misuse fire. He is also a member of the Fire Department Training Committee.

Congratulations Dana.

New Officer Sworn In

Brendan McKee was officially sworn in and pinned as our new Probationary Firefighter. Brendan brings experience and training to our Fire Department as he is a Certified Firefighter III, Instructor I, Haz-Mat Apparatus Engineer, and will receive his Paramedic Certificate this summer. Brendan was with the Brighton Fire Department for nine years.

Welcome aboard Brendan.



Dana Emerick is sworn in as Captain



New Firefighter Brendan McKee, pictured left.

Introducing: The Park & Recreation Advisory Commission

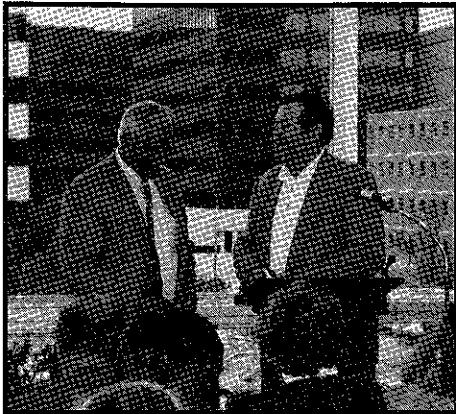
The Park & Recreation Advisory Commission consists of 14 members, including four high school students. They meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Fire Station meeting room.

Their duties are to advise the City Manager and City Council of any improvements needed for maintenance or development of the parks. They recommend improvements in the operation of recreational facilities such as the Aquatic Center, Belk Park Golf Course, the Round House and all recreational programs. The Director of Parks & Recreation Jeff Stassi provides a monthly report at the meeting and Councilwoman Anna Culp is the ex-officio member.

Members are: Chairman James Haycraft, David Ayres, Ray Best, Mark Burris, Charles Campbell, Bob Kasten, Ruth Toomey, George Wallace, Peggy Wheaton. Student members are Natalie Sneed, Jayme Wallace, Kenneth Springer and Shelia Matthews.

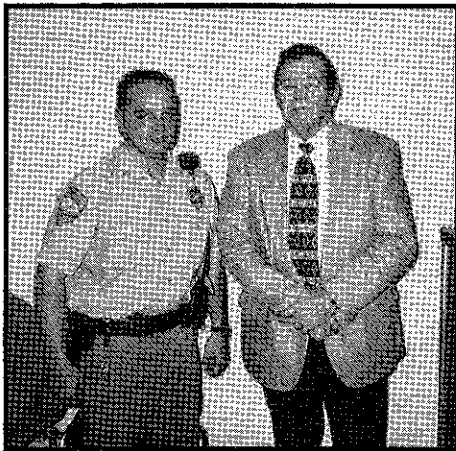
The City appreciates the many hours these members spend as volunteers. Their input is valuable to the City.

"Undaunted Courage"



Mayor Smith presents Stephen E. Ambrose, Author of "Undaunted Courage" with a Lewis & Clark Medallion during his visit at the Library Ltd. Book Store in Clayton on April 30. Approximately 40 members of the Wood River Heritage Council attended the event and met Mr. Ambrose when he signed their book. The book is currently on the best seller list and mentions Wood River many times as the beginning of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

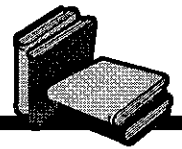
Officer Promoted



On May 1, Officer Michael Sabolo was promoted to the position of Sergeant with the Wood River Police Department. Sgt. Sabolo has been with the Police Department since July of 1988. Before being promoted to Sergeant, Michael was a Patrol Officer and Canine Officer. Congratulations to Sergeant Sabolo.

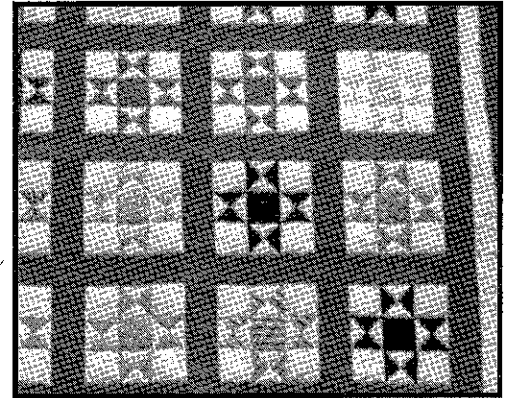


Library News



Come One, Come All and take a chance on this beautiful quilt!

The Friends of the Wood River Public Library are raffling off a beautiful handmade Ohio Star queen size quilt. The primary colors are light green and white. Ticket prices are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be July 5th, with a \$50 cash second prize also being awarded. All profits from the raffle will go towards upgrading the library's new telecommunications system. Stop by and purchase your raffle ticket today.

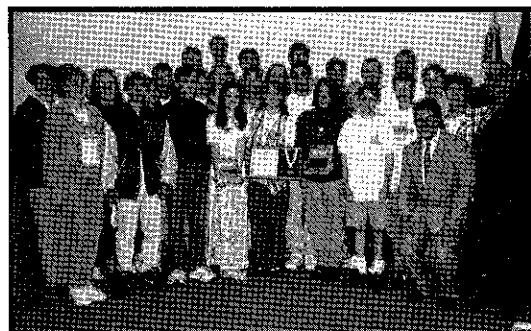


The Children's Summer Reading Program will soon be upon us.

TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY

This year's theme is "Travel the Reading Highway." The preschool programs will be held on Tuesday mornings (June 11-July 16) at 10:30 a.m. Grades 1-6 will have two opportunities weekly to hit the Wood River Public Library Reading Zone. Their programs will be on Wednesdays (June 12-July 17) at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. We invite all to soar to new heights with books this summer at the library.

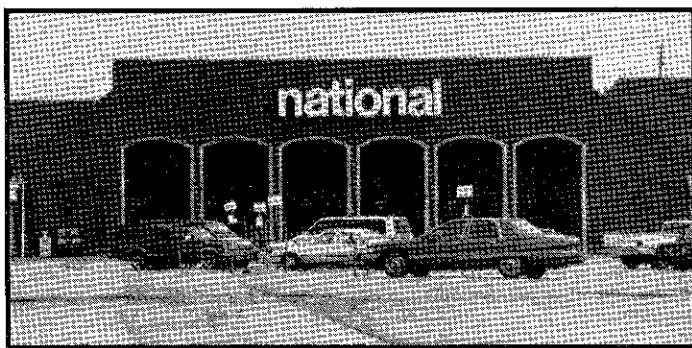
Jazz Band Takes Honors In National Competition



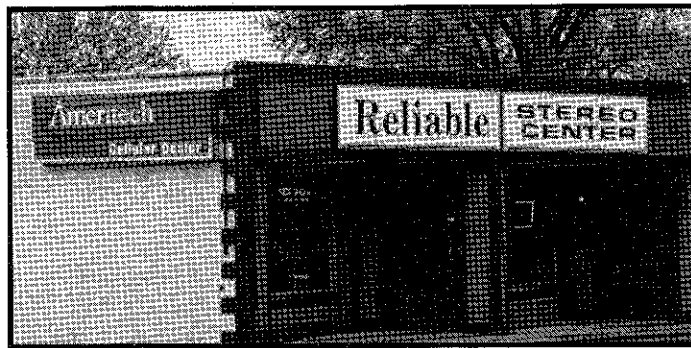
*High School Band, Band Director
Dennis McFarland and City Council*

The East Alton-Wood River Community High School Band and Jazz Ensemble were recognized at a recent Council meeting for winning 1st and 2nd place in national competition in Myrtle Beach, S. C.

NEW BUSINESS IN WOOD RIVER...



Store Manager Rick Hoenig invites you to visit the new **National Market** located at 1435 Vaughn Road (formerly Schnucks) and take advantage of their grand opening specials. They boast "great people, fresher produce and better specials." Their new restaurant, the Wood River Inn, is also now open with a full-service bar. Store hours are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.



Reliable Stereo Center, specializing in home and car stereo equipment, as well as truck accessories, has opened a new store at 732 Edwardsville Road (next to Sukeys). They are also an Ameritech agent for cellular phones and pagers. Store hours are Mon & Fri. 10-7; Tues-Thurs 10-6 and Sat 10-5. Stop by Reliable or call 254-8585.



The **Atlas Credit Union** held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 11 at their new building located at 211 Madison Avenue. The credit union has been in Wood River for over 60 years and is a full-service financial institution. Call 254-2823 to get information on their many services.



Looking for a special gift or just like antiques, collectibles or crafts? You should visit **White Swan Antiques** located at 84 E. Ferguson Avenue. Hours are Wednesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Owner Brenda White at 254-1778 for information.



If you love seafood, you'll enjoy **Grandma's** located at 898 E. Edwardsville Road. They have a variety of fish sandwiches and dinners, as well as shrimp, chicken and BBQ pork steaks. Call ahead at 251-4432 or just order at the drive-up. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



State Farm Agent Gregory C. Mossman has opened a new office at 600 N. Wood River Avenue (formerly Atlas Credit Union). Greg has been an insurance agent in the area for 14 years. Greg is involved in many local organizations. Pictured L to R: Melann Ray, Sheryl Klaas and Greg Mossman.

NEW BUSINESS OWNERS...

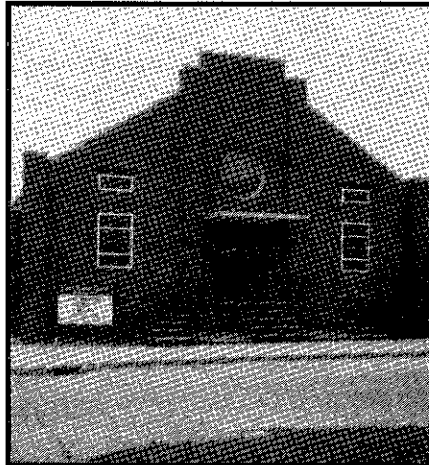
Patti Anderson has purchased **Sunbird Travel** located at 305 S. Sixth Street. She has been in the travel business for 12 years, four of those at Sunbird. Patti will be happy to help you with all your personal and business travel needs. Please call 254-4707 for travel information.

Molly Blaine is the new owner of **Custom Window Fashions**, located at 160 E. Ferguson Avenue (across from the post office). Stop by and let Molly help you dress up your windows, or call 251-2650.

Church Celebrates 75 Year Anniversary

Congratulations to The First Christian Church, located at Second & Lorena Avenue, as they celebrate their 75th anniversary. The Church was officially organized in 1921 with 50 members meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall in downtown Wood River. This building was destroyed by fire so services were then held in the basement of the Wood River Grade School. In 1924 they purchased property at Second & Lorena and built a church. This has been their home ever since, however the church was rebuilt in 1951 and an education building constructed in 1960.

We congratulate Rev. Walter McCaslin and associate minister John Wagner and the entire congregation on this 75th anniversary.



First Christian Church

Special Congratulations To:

Councilwoman Anna Culp on being nominated for a "Woman of Distinction Award" at the annual YWCA banquet on April 25 at the Lewis & Clark College

Bruce Murphy, on his nomination of "Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year." Bruce is the Manager of the Wood River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Slayden Glass, on their 20th anniversary of business in Wood River. Kenny & Kay Slayden started their business in 1975 at 200 W. Ferguson. As the business grew, they moved to their current location at 120 E. Ferguson.

Notes from Planning & Zoning

Building Department

"Just a reminder"

The City Inspector would like to remind Wood River residents and business owners that grass and weeds must be kept under 8" to comply with City Code. Residents are also reminded that according to City ordinance, a person's yard is described as extending from the middle of the alley to the front curb, side lot line to side lot line. The City asks that residents keep this in mind when they are maintaining their yard. Only with the cooperation of its residents can we keep Wood River a nice place to live.

Planning Department

"Serving Wood River Businesses"

In an effort to better serve its local businesses, the City has recently started keeping information on the vacant commercial and industrial buildings located in Wood River. This information is being kept in order to assist businesses who may be looking to expand or relocate within Wood River. Information kept in the City's files includes square footage of the building, site size, asking rent or sale price, and other information that is important to potential tenants or buyers. Persons wishing to have their vacant building added to the City's list may call 251-3100. Businesses needing additional space or wanting to relocate should contact the same number. The City will make every effort to assist its local businesses in finding a site in Wood River that fulfills their every need.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Leaf burning is not allowed during the summer months from May through September.

Council Corner

You may have noticed improvements the City has made to make City facilities accessible to everyone. The most recent is the entrance to the Police Station on Acton Avenue. The step at the entrance was replaced with an accessible ramp and door aids were installed for easy access. These modifications were made possible through Federal grant money from Madison County Community Development.

Grant funds were also received to construct new accessible restrooms at City Hall and restrooms were also renovated at the roundhouse, plus a new ramp was constructed at the north entrance.

It takes time and money to complete the many things required for full accessibility. The City takes every opportunity we have to seek grant money to make these improvements. On May 1, an application was filed for 1996 grant funds to remove architectural barriers at the Library by installing door aids, renovating the restrooms and constructing a lift to the second floor. A lift for the Aquatic Center is also being requested.

The City Council is continually working towards full compliance with A.D.A. regulations so that all of our citizens can participate in City programs and utilize City facilities.

Also, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our residents for their patience and assistance with storm clean up during the last two storms. I noticed many residents clearing the leaves from the drains and hauling brush to the dumpsters. The City Council and staff appreciate your efforts.

Councilman Matt Stimac

City Manager's Comments

The repeal of the Retail Rate Law by the State of Illinois was totally unexpected and a surprise to the City of Wood River. This Legislative action has seriously jeopardized the potential of the Polsky development of the Wood River Energy Center.

While the Polsky project may not become a reality, the City still has a viable and marketable business park. We will continue to market the business park in an aggressive manner in order to create developments within the park which will enhance the City of Wood River's property tax base. At the current time, we have two tenants who plan to construct new buildings during the upcoming building season.

I would also like to thank all our citizens and businesses for their efforts in communicating with the Governor's office in regards to the Retail Rate Legislation. Your efforts are deeply appreciated and show your concern for the future economic viability of our region.

The City's new fiscal year recently began on May 1. Every year the City adopts a budget for the current fiscal year. This year's budget represents a decrease of \$1.4 million from last year's budget. This decrease is necessary due to the declining tax base of the City from the Amoco re-assessment and the economic conditions of our area. We will strive to provide efficient and effective service to our citizens.

The City has also enacted changes in the rate structure for the operation of the 14th Street waste facility. These changes include the addition of a charge of \$.50 per bag for landscape waste. Landscape waste has been banned from landfills since 1990. The increased disposal costs of these items necessitated a charge being placed upon the user of this service. A rate structure has also been adjusted for the disposal of waste items.

At the current time, work continues on the development of the connector road which will connect Illinois Routes 143 and 111. This project is scheduled to be completed by July 31, 1996. This will be a welcomed addition to the City of Wood River.

The summer season also allows our residents to enjoy various recreational opportunities, such as softball leagues, youth baseball leagues, the Aquatic Center which opens on Saturday, May 25 and Belk Park Golf Course which continues to be highly regarded as a public golf course facility in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

I would also like to thank our residents for their assistance during the recent rash of storms that hit the City of Wood River. Your assistance with the removal of debris from storm water catch basins helps in the draining of storm water. These efforts are appreciated in all neighborhoods of our community. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Joey Tolbert