

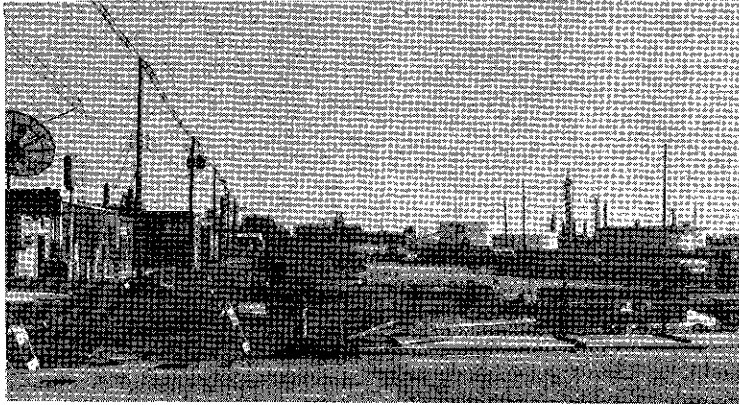


City of
**WOOD
RIVER**

PIPELINE

NOVEMBER, 1987

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BREAKING GROUND

A three-year dream came true on September 14, 1987 when, through a cooperative financial arrangement, ground was broken on Phase I of the Madison Avenue parking lot improvement.

The Wood River Central Taxing District, an organization of business owners in downtown Wood River, together with the City Council and staff, have been working for the past three years to acquire property, design an attractive improvement, and construct a new parking lot for shoppers and visitors to our downtown area.

The first phase of improvement includes the area between Wood River Avenue and First Street, bordering Madison Avenue, and the area west of Wood River Avenue to Schwartz warehouse building. The cost of this phase of the project is estimated at \$200,000, and is being accomplished through a combined financial arrangement between the City and the Downtown Taxing District.

In this special taxing district, business owners tax themselves in order to raise approximately \$22,500 annually for improvement projects in the special service area. An accumulation of funds from preceding years, plus a loan from the City, is being used to complete this project.

CENTRAL FIRE STATION

In May of '87, the Fire Department finally moved into its new headquarters. More than 900 people attended the open house. Several hundred others have visited in the months that followed. Citizens, young and old, visit the Central Fire Station on a regular basis. The firemen on duty gladly offer tours of their proud new home.

The size of the station makes it advantageous for more than merely a fire station. In-service classes for as many as forty firemen are held in the community room, while the State Fire Marshal's Office uses it for a local testing site. Some local civic organizations utilize this room for meetings. Handicap parking and separate kitchen and bathroom facilities are available.

A most functional replacement for the old fire house, this building will serve the City of Wood River in many capacities for years to come. Recent and future growth of our City may call for additional satellite stations some day, but for now the heart of the Fire Department has a home in the Central Fire Station.



NEW MANAGERS

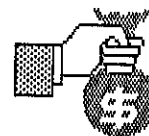
Joey Tolbert was recently appointed Director of Finance for the City of Wood River. Joey has been a lifelong resident of this area, graduating from Roxana High School, alumni of Lewis & Clark Community College with an Associate in Applied Science in Accounting, a Bachelor of Science degree from S.I.U.E., and he plans to complete a Masters Degree from S.I.U.E. in the spring of '88.

Tolbert was formerly employed as a part-time accountant for the City while completing his undergraduate work. He has also worked for Peavey Company, Pillsbury and Missouri Mills, Inc. in various accounting capacities.

Currently, Joey and his wife, Lynn, reside in Bethalto, but will soon relocate to Wood River. Tolbert says, "I'm anxious to provide efficient service in the Finance Department to the residents of Wood River and I welcome their suggestions for improvement."



JOEY TOLBERT
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



TOM HEYER
BELK PARK GOLF PRO



JEFF STASSI
RECREATION MANAGER



In April of this year, Jeff Stassi was hired as Recreation Manager for the City of Wood River. Jeff was already a familiar face in the Park & Recreation Department, having worked at the Round House snack bar when he was 13 years old. He worked as life guard and assistant manager while attending S.I.U.E. After receiving a B.S. Degree in Business Administration, he was hired by the City of Berkeley, Missouri as an administrative supervisor for their Parks & Recreation Department.

Jeff is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Administration and Policy Analysis, with plans to specialize in Recreation and Finance.

Tom Heyer, head golf professional at Belk Memorial Park Golf Course, began his golf career as second assistant golf professional at Lake Valley Golf and Country Club at Lake of the Ozarks. He then became first assistant golf professional at Creve Coeur Golf Club. He comes to Wood River from Creve Coeur.

Tom is currently finishing his apprenticeship with the Professional Golfer's Association of America (P.G.A.). This apprenticeship includes completion of two tough business schools and also passing a Playing Ability Test. The P.G.A. program takes three to five years to complete.

The Belk Park pro expects to finish the program with a required membership interview at year's end. Tom will then be certified as a Class "A" golf professional and a P.G.A. member.

"I feel my main role at Belk Park Golf Course is to be accessible to the public course golfer," Tom says. "Being here to educate and help golfers have an enjoyable experience is very important to me."



TOM'S TIPS

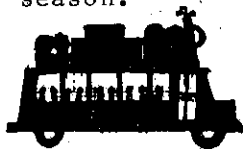
I would like to talk about something that is important to everyone, from beginners to accomplished players, and that is, proper care of equipment. Your golf equipment amounts to a sizable investment and a little effort will go a long way in keeping it in good condition.

1) Your woods should be protected at all times by head covers. If they are left unprotected, they can be damaged by nicks and scratches as they bump against the irons. The use of furniture polish and a soft cloth to remove stains and ball marks will keep your woods looking brand new.

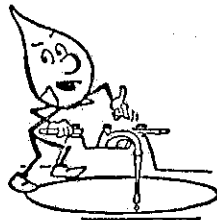
2) Your irons can be kept clean by soaking them in warm water for a short time. You may then use a soft bristled brush to clean out the grooves. Never use a steel or wire brush, as they can scratch the face of the club.

3) Last, but not least, it is very important to keep your grips clean. Wipe the grips, using a damp cloth which has been soaking in a solution of luke warm water and a mild detergent. If you play once a week in season, you should have your worn grips replaced before the start of the upcoming golf season.

ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS

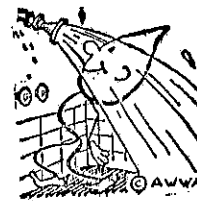


We are currently evaluating programs and recreation needs in our community, hoping to expand programs where interest warrants the need. New programs for senior citizens will be offered, including travel to special places of interest, such as the Fox Theater, Cardinal baseball game, Marquette Lodge, arts and craft shows, St. Louis Zoo, or special tours. The Senior Citizens Club (age 55 and older) meets the second Thursday of every month from 10:00 am till 3:00 pm in the Roundhouse Recreation Center, 633 Wood River Avenue. They have a catered lunch at noon, followed by bingo. All resident seniors are welcome to attend and participate.



Pay for
what you
USE!

Not for
what you
LOSE!



Water is life - a necessity to your very existence. Consider for a moment how many of your day-to-day activities involve your water supply. From ice cubes to a hot shower, water is there when you need it.

Here are a few facts showing how precious water is to humans:

- 70% of your body, 83% of your blood and 3/4 of your brain is water.

- You can live longer without food than you can without water.

- Water determines the climate of a region.

- 80% of the surface of the earth is water, 97% is saltwater, 2% is glacier ice and 1% is freshwater we use.

- Water cannot be destroyed, it simply changes from (solid, liquid, gas).

Although it seems that water is abundantly available, due to pollution, we must learn to conserve water now to avoid severe shortages in the future. Right now in North America about 34 billion gallons of drinking water are produced each day by public water systems. By the year 2000 it is predicted that this will double and most assuredly raise the cost to consumers. The demand is unending, yet water costs you less than anything else you buy - by weight, by volume, or by any other standard you may choose. The water is free, you pay for its treatment.

So whenever possible, conserve water use, repair leaks, install water-saving devices and reuse water whenever possible. Remember that "Water is Life - Don't Waste It".

Registration information for our winter programs, or information about the senior citizens club can be obtained by calling 254-5521 Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am till noon, or 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm.



PLAYGROUNDS PARKS AND GREENS



1987 has been a year of change for the Recreation Department. With the retirement of Leroy Emerick, the department was divided into recreation and grounds maintenance. The division has provided a more concentrated effort to improve maintenance at our parks, playgrounds and Belk Park Golf Course.

The hot weather has kept golf course crews busy aerating, seeding and fertilizing tees, greens, and fairways. To help maintain and improve the course, several purchases were made, including a fifteen foot mower for the course roughs, a sand trap rake, a greens aerator and a new dump truck.

Over the past six months, there have been many improvements made to the parks in our City. A fresh coat of paint has been applied to all buildings and playground equipment in the parks. Bleachers have also been repaired and repainted. New playground equipment has been purchased and installed at all parks. A split-rail fence has been erected around Central Park and along Ninth Street in front of the retention basin. A beautiful new gazebo and adjoining sidewalks have been installed at Central Park. The flag pole has been restored, and a new flag purchased. New security flood lights have been

installed at the Emerick Sports Complex (6th Street Park) and on the roof of the Round House for added safety during evening activities. A state-of-the-art lighting system was installed this summer at Benbow Soccer Field, along with a new parking facility. The two lighted soccer fields are used by 750 Quad City Soccer youth, and the East Alton-Wood River High School soccer team. A concession stand has also been opened for all games.

Future projects include repainting the entire Round House Recreation Center, a tree and flower planting program in the parks, and a new City park off Ninth Street at the corner of the property overlooking the retention basin. A fitness trail and new playground equipment will also be installed. These are just a few future projects planned for Wood River recreation area.

As you can see, your tax dollars allocated for parks and recreation are being spent on beautification and upgrades for the benefit of our community, making a positive reflection on your property values. We encourage you to take advantage of the many outdoor facilities available to you and your family in Wood River today.

F a l l C l e a n u p

With autumn upon us, Wood River residents are faced with the problem of falling leaves. There are several options available to residents for disposal of leaves.

1) Bag your leaves- and place with regular refuse for pickup.

2) Burn your leaves. Burning is allowed from mid-September until mid-May on your own property during daylight hours only. Burning of leaves must be supervised with a water hose nearby in case of need. Remember no burning on public streets or alleys, only on private property.

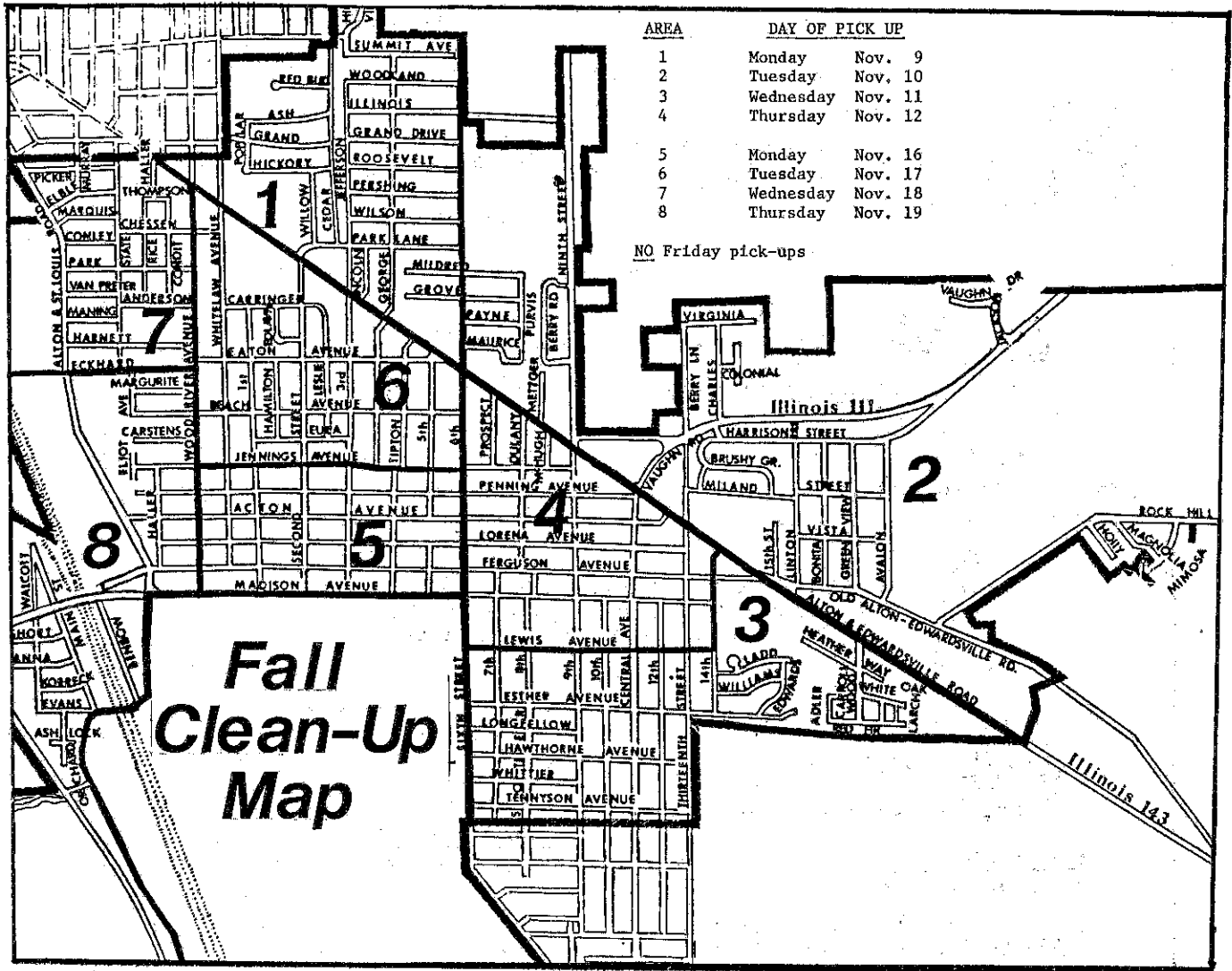
3) Rake leaves to curb- to be picked up by City (only during "leaf pickup schedule") beginning November 2. Please do not put leaves along curb any time other than on pickup day as the

leaves in the gutters cause sewer blockage. Check newspaper for leaf schedule time in your area.

Since our spring cleanup has been so widely used by residents, we are offering, for the first time, a fall cleanup in addition to our regular Spring cleanup.

On the following page there is a schedule indicating the day the truck will be in your area. It is necessary to place your items for pickup IN THE FRONT near the curb. There will be no catch-up days this Fall so be sure to get your items out before your pickup day.

Also, please remember, brush must be cut and tied in approximate three foot bundles, and we are unable to accept building materials such as bricks, rocks, blocks, etc.



AREA	DAY OF PICK UP	
1	Monday	Nov. 9
2	Tuesday	Nov. 10
3	Wednesday	Nov. 11
4	Thursday	Nov. 12
5	Monday	Nov. 16
6	Tuesday	Nov. 17
7	Wednesday	Nov. 18
8	Thursday	Nov. 19

NO Friday pick-ups

Fall Clean-Up Map

Leaf Pickup Schedule

Leaf Machine and Street Sweeper
 Starting Monday, November 2, 1987
 (Public Works Department 254-0725)

- MONDAYS:** The area west of Wood River Avenue including west of the railroad tracks.
- TUESDAYS:** The area between Wood River Avenue and Third Street including all of Wood River Avenue.
- WEDNESDAYS:** The area between Third Street and Sixth Street including all of Third Street, Eastwood Subdivision and Lincoln Addition.
- THURSDAYS:** The area between Sixth Street and Ninth Street including all of Sixth Street, Fox Acres, Metzger Street and Berry Road.
- FRIDAYS:** The entire area east of Ninth Street (including all of Ninth Street)

WOOD RIVER RECREATION

Programs and Scheduled Events



WRESTLING

Dates: November 23-April 2
Times: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 7-9 PM
Location: East Alton-Wood River High School Gym
FEE: \$15.00
Ages: Boys, ages 8-14 (3rd-8th Grade)

ADULT PROGRAMS



Aerobics

Dates: Classes are running now and thru the winter months
Times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 6-7 PM
Location: Wood River Recreation Center
FEE: \$20.00 per Month

Square Dance Lessons

Time: Tuesday nights 7-9PM
Location: Wood River Recreation Center

Hoedowners Square Dance

Time: 2nd & 4th Sat. each month, 7-10 PM
Location: Wood River Recreation



BEES- Behavioral Eating Encouragement

Time: Every Wednesday weigh-ins 10:30 AM
Location: Wood River Recreation Center



VOLLEYBALL

Co-Ed Volleyball

Dates: Nov 23 - Jan 19
Time: Monday & Tuesday Nights 6-10PM
Location: Lewis & Clark JR High



BASKETBALL

3 Man Basketball

Dates: Nov 25 - Jan 20 8 Weeks
Time: Wednesday Nights 6-10PM
Location: Lewis & Clark JR High

THANKSGIVING DINNER

For Senior Citizens
Thurs. Nov. 12 10 AM-3 PM
Wood River Rec. Center

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 19 -Have Breakfast & get your Picture taken with Santa
Time: 9-11 AM
Location: Wood River Recreation center

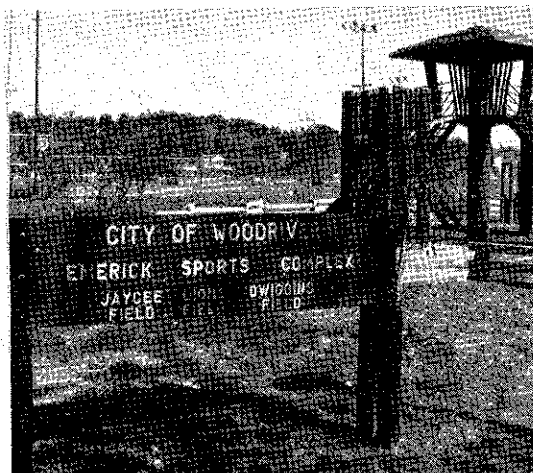


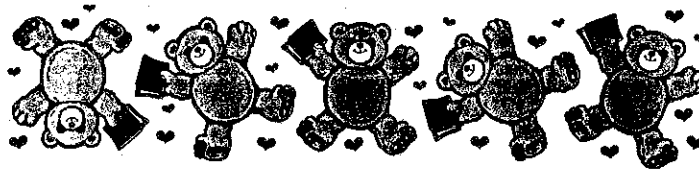
For more program info,
registration fees and
deadlines please call
* 254-5521 *



EMERICK SPORTS COMPLEX

The Wood River City Council has renamed Sixth Street Park in honor of Leroy Emerick, who recently retired after serving 37 years as the Director of Parks & Recreation. Sixth Street Park is now known as "Emerick Sports Complex", which includes Lion's Field, Jaycee Field and Dwiggin's Field. A new sign has recently been constructed at the site.





Children's Book Week - November 16-22

Your library is a "Bear-y" Special Place. Local bears are gearing up to celebrate National Children's Book Week, November 16-22. "Books are Bear-y Special" will be the theme for November at the Wood River Public Library. A Bear-y fun program featuring "Winnie the Pooh & the Honey Tree" will be held for Grades 1-6 on November 18, at 3:30 pm.

To celebrate Children's Book Week, the library, in conjunction with Lewis & Clark Library System, will also sponsor a contest to design a bookmark. Anyone from 1st grade through 12th grade is encouraged to enter. First, second and third place bookmark designs will be selected from the following grade level categories: 1st-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-9th, and 10th-12th.

Winners will be chosen on the basis of creativity, originality, neatness and the ability of the design to be reproduced without losing the impact of the original design. The four first place winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed by the Lewis & Clark Library System. Certificates will be awarded in the following manner: 1st place - \$15, 2nd place - \$10, and 3rd

place - \$5. Copies of the entry form are available at the library and must be returned by November 23, 1987.

The library will host a Christmas program for grades 1-6 on December 16, at 3:30 pm. In addition to enjoying a film and treats, the children will be making a Christmas craft to decorate the library and one to take home.

The Wood River Public Library also sponsors preschool programs for ages 3-5. The programs are held on the third Saturday of each month at 10:30 am. The November 21 program will be centered around Thanksgiving. All programs are free of charge and open to the public.

Your library is more than just books! Newly added is a collection of circulating books on cassette for your enjoyment while driving or working around the house or yard. In an attempt to improve service, your library also sports a brand new copier with the ability to reduce and enlarge that turns out crisp, clean copies for only 10 cents each! Don't forget your library offers free notary service, provides tax forms and is a voter registration point. We hope to see you soon at your Bear-y special library.

HOLIDAY REMINDER f r o m y o u r P O L I C E D E P A R T M E N T

To help make this an enjoyable and safe holiday season, the Police Department has provided some tips for this time of year. By following these tips, we feel they will help make your holiday season safe and enjoyable.

1. Park your vehicle at well lit locations, locking and pocketing 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.



Remember, if you plan to be out of town for the holidays, contact the Police Department at 254-8923, and we will make arrangements to check your home while you're away. And, a big reminder - drive carefully - DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

WELCOME HOME!

Dear Reader:

In talking with citizens in our community, we run into lots of questions and opinions. The purpose of the Pipeline is to provide information to our residents on what is going on in our City.

If you have any questions or comments, please fill in the space below and send to City Hall.

Questions/Comments: _____

It will not be possible to print answers to all questions received. Each issue will respond to several questions of general interest. However, we will respond by mail to each and every question or comment, so be sure to provide your name and address. Your identity will not be printed in the Pipeline.

Sincerely,

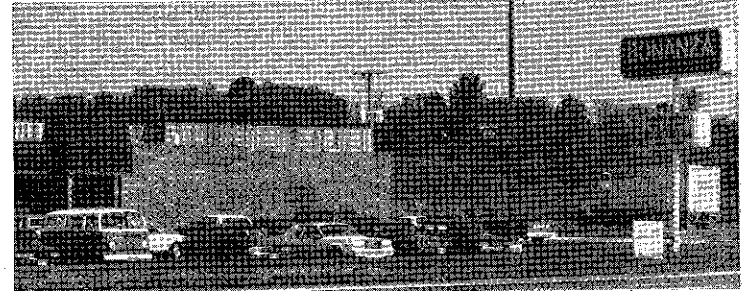


Donald E. Greer
City Manager

Operation **B**lessing is in need of can goods, toiletries, large grocery bags, blankets and children's warm clothing to distribute to the needy for the holidays. They are located at 427 St. Louis Road, serving an average of 200 people daily. Stop in and visit the volunteers there - see what united community effort can accomplish. Your donations may be dropped off at Wal-Mart, Wood River and East Alton Banks, and City Hall.

*** 1988 COMMUNITY CALENDAR ***

City staff is in the process of preparing a community calendar for 1988. This calendar will provide pertinent information regarding City services, as well as daily activities/meetings, etc. Hopefully, the calendar will be printed next month and ready for distribution.



We are very happy to welcome many new businesses to our City the past couple months. These stores will provide a big boost to City revenue and give our residents a variety of stores to shop.

The Wal-Mart Store officially opened October 1 at 1501 Vaughn Road. The store is comprised of 85,899 square feet and represents one of their largest discount stores, employing approximately 240 persons.

In the Wal-Mart Complex, several new stores have opened in the outside mall including Fashion Bug, Crown Shoes, Auto Works, and Movies Plus. Several others will be opening next month.

Also, located on the front edge of the Wal-Mart Complex, we have a new Bonanza Restaurant.

IN OUR DOWNTOWN AREA, we are pleased to have a new occupant in the Trattler Building - ABR Book and Video Store has opened this month. Also, Dechant Electrical Service now occupies 200 W. Ferguson (formerly Slayden Glass). Slayden Glass has moved to their new building at 133 E. Ferguson.

The Pipeline is published by the City of Wood River to inform its residents and to promote better understanding between the city government and the people it serves. Articles are typically supplied by the staff, editing and layout by Marlene Dupy, assisted by Jean Stanley.