



City of
**WOOD
RIVER**

PIPELINE

September, 1992

The Biggest Ever 'Wood River Sidewalk Sales'

Monkey Business or Just Clowning Around

Wood River's new Snorkel One was a big hit at the recent sidewalk sale downtown. Hundreds of children and adults stood in line to take the ride high above the Lorena and Wood River Avenue intersection. The firefighters were happy to see the enthusiasm displayed by the citizens for their new apparatus. "After

all, you never know when you may have to rescue one of these people. It's better they get their first ride here," one firefighter remarked. "It's surprising that the adults are more scared than the kids."

The balloon gorilla, his arms stretching wide across Wood River Avenue, looked huge until you found yourself looking down on his head. Even some visiting clowns couldn't resist the chance to be carried above the crowds.

After the ride, many bought commemorative tee shirts, made by members of the Firefighters Association, with Snorkel One printed on the front. Other firefighters volunteered their time giving tours of the new truck and explaining the many innovative features. The Firefighters Association plans to use the proceeds of the sale to build a memorial plaque with the names of all active and retired firefighters.

Upcoming Events

October 3
Police Auction - 8 A.M. City Hall
Parking Lot

October 5-8
Fall Clean-up (see schedule)

October 5
Final Day for Voter Registration
Register now:
Wood River City Hall
Wood River Public Library

October 26
**6th Annual Halloween Party for
Children** 7:00-8:00 P.M. Free to Wood
River children 12 years of age or under.
Games, entertainment, goodies and drinks
will be provided.

October 31
11th Annual Halloween Parade - The
Wood River Halloween Parade will begin
at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 31,
1992. Prizes will be awarded for best
costume, best float, and band competition.
Anyone wishing to participate in the
parade can pick up a registration form at
City Hall or the Fire Station.

November 2
Leaf Pickup Program begins

November 3
Election Day for Federal, State and
County Offices. Polls are open from 6:00
AM to 7:00 PM.



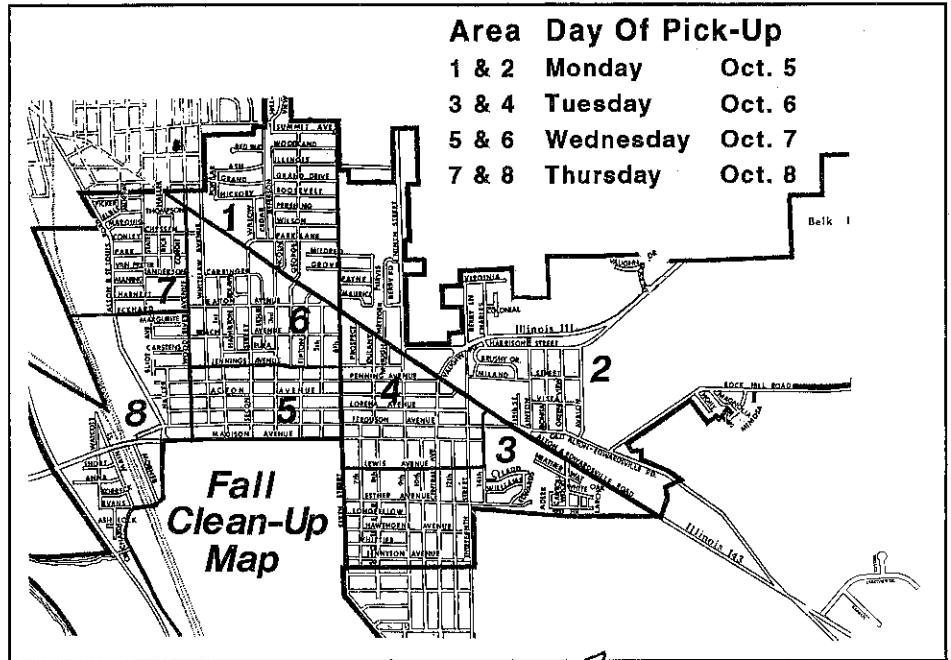
Stormwater Precautions

The Stormwater Commission would like to remind you to please remember to take the following precautions and obey city ordinances whenever there are heavy rains in the city.

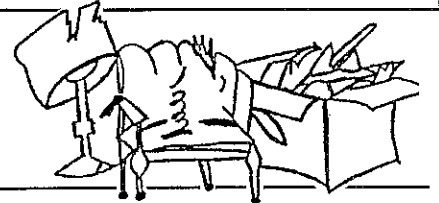
1. Stop basement sewer backups by installing a drain plug. They are available at any hardware store.
2. When you cut your grass please do not let the mower throw the clippings into the street. It is not only unsightly, but will plug up the street drains. The same applies to raking leaves.
3. Protect your vehicle and respect everyone's property by not driving through high water on streets. Cars will drown out and waves made by vehicles will erode yards and push water into basements through windows. If you own a vehicle that sits high (4x4, etc.) please drive very slowly through flooded streets.
4. Since the city crews have many, many drains to clean, you can help prevent street flooding by cleaning debris from nearby street drains usually at the corners of intersections. Your neighbors will thank you.
5. Wherever you see barricades, please do not drive through or around them. They are there for a specific reason. For more information or to answer questions, call the Public Service Department at 251-3122.



Fire Lieutenant Mark Burriss is presented the Illinois Amateur Softball Association's Hall of Fame award by former coach, Merle Bassett and Mayor Leroy Emerick during a recent Council meeting.



Fall Cleanup



The annual fall cleanup is scheduled for the week of October 5, 1992. To assure pickup, all items must be placed at the front curb by 8 A.M. on the scheduled day. **AFTER THE TRUCK HAS BEEN IN YOUR AREA, IT WILL NOT RETURN.** If we fall behind schedule we will continue where we left off the following day.

** NEW REGULATIONS **

Effective July 1, 1992, the State of Illinois has banned "white goods" from landfills. This means that the following items **WILL NOT** be picked up:

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| stoves | furnaces |
| refrigerators | hot water heaters |
| washers | air conditioners |
| dryers | humidifiers |
| freezers | de-humidifiers |
| dishwashers | trash compactors |

Other items that will not be picked up are:

- tires, automobile batteries, wheels, and large parts
- brush and landscape waste (leaves, grass, etc.)
- gasoline, motor oil, anti-freeze, etc.
- liquid waste (paint, thinner, etc.)
- hazardous waste
- unopened barrels
- concrete blocks
- large amounts of building materials

Lumber will be accepted if it is cut into 4 foot lengths and tied in bundles weighing less than 75 pounds.

If you have any questions, or need additional information call the Public Service Department at 251-3122.

SPECIAL PICKUPS: Each Wednesday, Midwest Sanitation will pick up bulky items for \$15 a truckload. Arrangements must be made in advance by calling 251-3131.

Sixth Street Resurfacing Project



Mayor Leroy Emerick, City Manager Barrett Jones and Public Services Director Tim Palermo are pictured above checking progress on the resurfacing of Sixth Street.



Dumpster & Recycling Center News

Due to safety considerations and for improved operation, the dumpster and recycling center has a new entrance. It is located just south of the original entrance by 14th Street East End Park. Please follow the signs that are clearly marked. Do not enter where signs say employees only. If you need assistance, park in the visitors lot and walk inside.

Hours of Operation

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm

Friday: 8 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm

Sunday: 12 noon to 4 pm

The center is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and nothing will be accepted on those days.

Recycling items accepted are:

glass - bottles and jars only (clear, green, amber)

plastic - milk and water jugs only (no 2 liter soda bottles)

tin cans

aluminum cans

RECYCLE YOUR OLD PHONE

BOOKS - A special dumpster will be provided by Illinois Bell for recycling of **TELEPHONE BOOKS ONLY** from *October 12 to November 12*. You may bring your old phone books to the City Garage during this time period only for recycling.

Hydrant Flushing

The City of Wood River will be flushing fire hydrants again this fall, during the week of November 2 through 6. Residents may experience some discoloration in their water, but the water will continue to be safe to drink. Despite the inconvenience of the discolored water, it is necessary to flush fire hydrants to remove any sediment that might have settled in the water mains and also to insure that the fire hydrants remain in good working order. If you have any questions, please call the Water Division at 251-3133.

Leaf Pickup

The City will begin curbside leaf pickup on Monday, November 2 and will continue until the end of the month. Leaves should be raked to the curb or street edge early in the morning on the scheduled pick up day. (See schedule below.) Leaves should not be allowed to remain in the gutter line in case of rain as the leaves will plug the catch basins and cause flooding during a rain. The City will make every attempt to follow the schedule, although weather conditions and heavy amounts of leaves may cause delays. Your patience in these circumstances is appreciated.

Other alternatives for leaf disposal:

Burning - Burning is permissible on your own property from mid-September to mid-May, during daylight hours only. Leaf burning must be supervised, with a garden hose close at hand. Burning in streets and alleys is prohibited.

Bagging - Leaves may be bagged and taken to the City Recycling Center at 14th Street where they may be dumped into a dumpster. (Plastic bags are not allowed in the dumpster.) There is no charge to dump at the Recycling center which is open Fri, Sat, and Mon from 8 am to 4 pm, and on Sun from noon to 4 pm.

Composting - mix leaves with grass clippings and let them decay; this makes a nice topsoil.

Leaf Pickup Schedule

Leaf Machine and Street Sweeper
Starting Monday, November 2, 1992
(Public Services Department 251-3122)

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 areas 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, and Kendall Estates.

PARKS & RECREATION



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The Parks & Recreation Department will be sponsoring the following events this fall. For more information, please call 251-3130, Monday thru Friday, 8-12- and 1-5pm.

Gymnastics

The fall season will be starting September 12. Classes will be held on Thursdays and Saturdays based on participants ability. A preschool class will be offered this year provided there is enough interest.

Rules of the Road

A meeting is held at the Roundhouse on the second Tuesday of every other month from 9:00-11:00am to answer questions and take individuals through some basic rules of driving. This is sponsored by the Secretary of States Office. It is geared toward Senior Citizens, although others may attend. Classes are scheduled for October 13 and December 8.

Senior Adult Program 55+

Residents age 55 and over are invited to join in activities for an annual fee of \$5.00. Meetings are held at 10am on the second Thursday of each month.

Ship Shape

Ship Shape classes are designed to help with Diet Motivation. They meet at the Roundhouse on Mondays at 9:30am for weigh in and the meeting is from 10:00 to 11:00am. The annual registration fee is \$5.00 plus \$3.00 per session.

Square Dance Lessons

Square dance lessons are held at the Roundhouse on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-10:00pm. Once lessons are completed, you may join the Hoedowners on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month for some Square Dancing fun.

Amoco Annuity Club

Retired employees of Amoco have meetings at the Roundhouse on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30pm. All Amoco retirees are welcome to come.

Annual Hidden Valley Ski Trip

Mark your calendars. This years adult ski trip is planned for January 23.

Ice Skating

Provided the lake freezes this year, we will be offering chaperoned ice skating to anyone wishing to bring their skates to Helmkamp Lake located at the intersection of Route 3 and Route 143.

Ladies Evening Step Aerobics

Step Aerobics are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm at the Roundhouse. Teresa Mize will be the instructor. Classes begin on September 14 and run in six week sessions for \$20.00. These are continuous through the winter months. Registration is 15 minutes prior to class.

Morning Aerobics

September 14 will be the starting date for our morning aerobics class. This is instructed by Merrill Fromme and is held from 9:00-10:00am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The fee is \$27.00 for a five week session. These are continuous through the winter months. Register 15 minutes prior to class with Merrill.

Youth Dance Classes

Teresa Mize will instruct our youth dance classes which include jazz, tap and ballet. The fee is \$16.00 per month.

Classes are Beginners, Advanced, Advanced Beginners and Intermediate.

Youth Wrestling Program

Tri-City wrestling will be starting in December. This program consists of Competitive and Non-Competitive classes. Register at the Roundhouse from October 5-30.

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

Registration will be held from September 21 through October 23. Play should begin first week of November. Leagues are scheduled to play on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays provided there is enough interest.

Jiveland Teen Board

Students will meet at the Roundhouse Thursdays at 6:15 to discuss dances and other activities they would like to have offered.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings are held at the 14th Street Shelter on the first Sunday of the month from 10-12 noon. They provide support as well as, helpful information about drinking problems.

Keep your eyes open for future Jr. High and High School Dances and Special Activities

★ ★ ★ 1992 Triathlon ★ ★ ★

The 7th Annual Wood River Triathlon, sponsored by Amoco, Coca-Cola and Shell Oil was held in Central Park on Saturday, August 8, 1992. Starting at 7am, the participants were required to swim 450 meters, bike 12 miles and run 4 miles.

Five of the 115 participants were from Wood River. The remaining triathletes were nonresidents from areas as close as East Alton and as far away as Indiana. Two new age divisions were added this year, 11-15, and 60 and above. The overall female winner was Judy Johnson-Durr (1 hour, 9 minutes and 21 seconds) of Alton and the overall male winner was Doug Pohlman (1 hour, 3 minutes and 6 seconds) of East Alton.

Approximately 150 volunteers from the areas of Wood River, Roxana, East Alton, Edwardsville, and St. Louis helped with the triathlon. Many of these volunteers were members of the following

organizations: City of Wood River - City Manager, Finance, Fire, Police, Street and Parks Recreation Departments (including Advisory Board) Mid-American Bicycle Club, Metro-Tri Club, T.O.P.S., Boy Scouts and the East Alton-Wood River High School Oillettes, Cheerleaders and Football Team. The expertise and knowledge these individuals offered was crucial to the success of this event.

After the race all of the volunteers, participants and their families were invited to a free lunch and an afternoon of swimming and sliding at the Aquatic Center. Also contributing to the breakfast and lunch were Brown's Chicken, Bunny Bread, McDonald's (East Alton and Bethalto), Snack Time and Subway.

Pool Managers Dennis Cramsey and Sue Rives thank everyone who participated or volunteered in the 7th Annual Triathlon.

Belk Park News

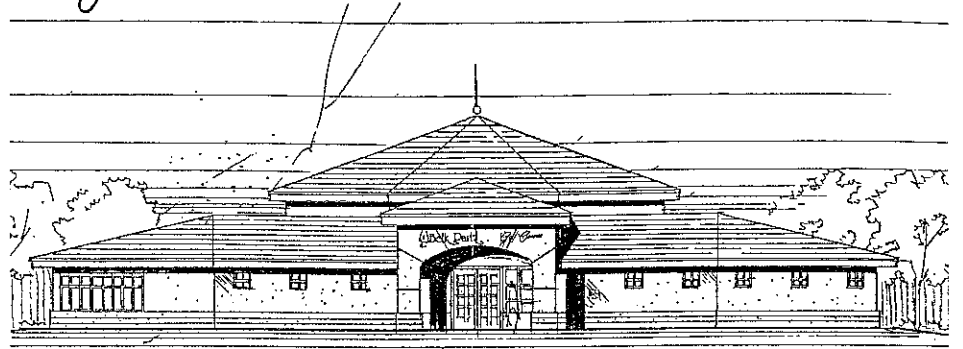
After a number of years of wishing and a year of committee deliberations, construction will start on a new clubhouse in Belk Park. While the City Council was in agreement on the need for a new Clubhouse, the Council was divided on whether the new clubhouse should be located on the site of the present clubhouse or relocated to adjacent land which the city has recently purchased. A final decision was made in September to stay at the present location.

The new clubhouse, designed by Chiodini & Associates, will be an attractive addition to Belk Park. Two wings form an "L" off a central community room. The front "L" will contain men and women locker rooms, storage and mechanical. The wing to the left will house the proshop and snack bar. The community room will have capacity for 150 persons, adequate for the many tournaments held at the course. The community room will be available for rent to Wood River residents for private functions when not in use by golfers. Thanks to the 15 Clubhouse Committee members for their time on this project.

Also, construction will be starting on a new irrigation system for the course. The present system, which has served the course for 20 years, is labor intensive and does not meet the needs of a modern course. Sprinkling capability will be substantially increased. The entire course can be watered in one 8-hour night-time period. This has been one of the problems with the present system. Watering the greens now takes so long that once all 18



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greens were sprinkled in a one or two day period, the first greens watered need rewatering with the tees and fairways left dry.

These projects, along with tee reconstruction and landscaping, will be done by May of 1993. Another banner year for Belk Park is in progress.

Irrigation Well Rehab

A golf course cannot grow grass without water and Belk Park is fortunate to have a good supply. The lakes on the course do collect rain water, but that is not nearly enough to satisfy the irrigation needs.

Water for golf course irrigation comes from wells located on the City garage site at 14th and Madison. This was the former site of the City Water Department prior to the new water treatment system built on the west side of Highway 143 overpass in

1965. One of the old wells at the garage site pumps water in a separate dedicated line up to Belk Park. Again, the City was fortunate in being able to use an abandoned petroleum line as the line for water to be pumped up to the park. The well water is totally untreated and is considered non-potable, but it is more than adequate for the irrigation and for the fish in Belk Park Lake.

This summer the pumping capacity of our well decreased to the point where repairs had to be made. The City contracted with Layne-Western to replace the 30-year-old pump and motor. This new equipment has increased our pumping capacity from approximately 300 gallons per minute to nearly 1,000 gallons per minute. This is the first major expenditure that the golf course has had to make on the pump system since it was taken over from the Water Department.

1992 Message From the City Manager

Barrett H. Jones City Manager

We are proud of the recent *Telegraph* headline which read "Wood River's financial status draws plaudits". The first sentence read "Auditors have given the city a clean bill of health, although sales and income taxes have fallen." We want to highlight that the Wood River City Council and City Administration is fiscally responsible. By Illinois State law, we must have a balanced budget. We cannot have a deficit budget. If prices go up to the City, we have to have service cutbacks or growth in our revenues in order to balance

our budget. This is the way a City has to operate.

We are now full swing in an election year campaign. We hear it from all of the National candidates: "Services are going to be increased. The tax line is going to be maintained or reduced!" This has meant a reduction in assistance to the cities from the State and Federal government or it has meant additional work for the cities with no funds from the Federal government. A prime example is that residents can no longer put old appliances out for trash pick-up. Federal regulations have mandated that landfills can not take these

old appliances. That puts a burden on local government and the local residents with no relief for this change being made. We can expect additional mandates on our water system and sewer system. All of these will cost us some money and we will be sure there will be no help from the State or Federal government to implement them.

I think we can continue to be proud of the way that Wood River has managed its financial affairs. Citizens know they can speak up and be heard. The message needs to be heard at other levels of government too.

Your Library Is the Place to Be!

Did you "count" on your library last year? Statistics show a marked increase in library use. During the last fiscal year library users checked out 106,645 items! That represents an increase of more than 26% over the previous year. 88,608 visits by individuals were counted during the same period.

Where can you borrow books, magazines, videos, cassettes and cameras at no charge? Where can you make photocopies for a mere ten cents a page? How many places offer you free Notary Public service, children's programs and convenient voter registration? These are only a few reasons why your library has become a very popular place. If you weren't counted among those who visited the library last year, it's time to stop by and see what else you may be missing.

Wood River Public Library offers Fall programs for children

Grades 1-8 3:30pm

October 14

Halloween Fun at the Library

Films - Ghost with the Halloween Hiccups

Trick or Treat

November 18

Program in honor of

National Children's Book Week

Milford Recognized for Wood River Swim Program

Special recognition is given to Sarah Milford for her dedication to the Wood River Swim Program. Sarah recently received an award from the City for having taught swimming lessons at the Wood River Aquatic Center and old swimming pool for 30 years.

Sarah thoroughly enjoys teaching swimming. She has taught hundreds of children to swim, and now derives pleasure from teaching the children of her former students. Even though she and her husband, Jim, have retired from their regular teaching jobs, she does not plan to retire from swimming lessons, because it has been an important part of her life.

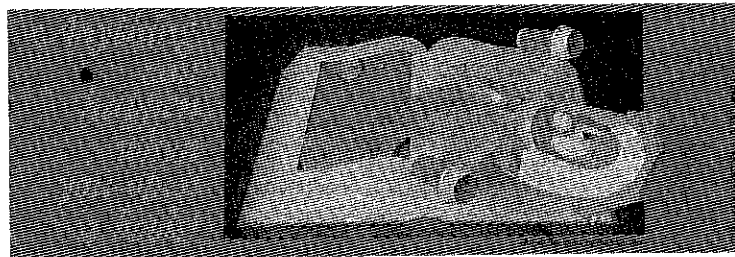
Milford highly praised the Red Cross for their outstanding swim program and instruction materials they provide.

Sarah has always been active in the community. She served as a member of the City's Plan Commission and Board of



Zoning Appeals for over 20 years and volunteers her time to the annual Triathlon.

The City congratulates Sarah on her 30 years and hopes she'll continue as a swimming instructor for many more years.



Pre-School Programs 10:30am

October 17

Halloween Time

November 21

Getting Ready for Thanksgiving

More information may be obtained by calling 254-4832

Library Hours

Mon.-Fri

10am-8pm

Sat.

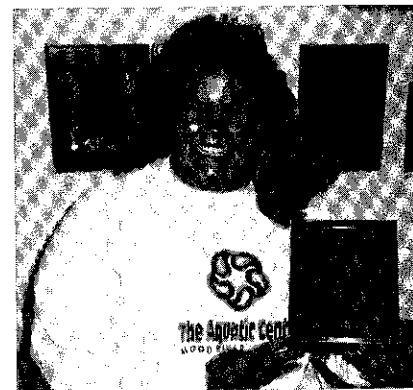
10am-5pm

What to do with those Old City Directories

Almost everyone is hesitant to throw out a book, even when they no longer have a use for it. Most citizens and businesses find they no longer need outdated city directories, but they hate to get rid of them. Your Library is interested in taking those volumes off your hands. The Library does not have a complete run of these directories, and many of our

volumes are in bad condition from continued use over the years. They would like to fill in the gaps in their collection and replace worn copies with those in better condition.

The Library is especially interested in volumes for the following years: Any pre 1923, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1938, 1940, 1943, 1945, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1966; 1985, 1986.



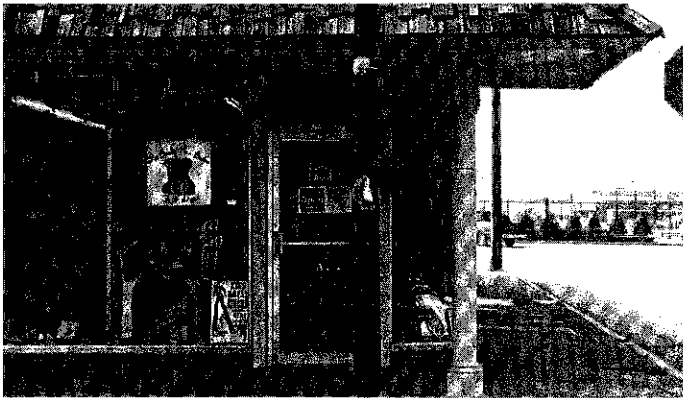
Hall of Fame

This issue recognizes Kim Rhodes, a lifeguard at the Wood River Aquatic Center. Kim was presented an award from the City Council in recognition of her emergency rescue of a drowning victim at the Wood River Aquatic Center last month. Kim's alertness and quick reaction saved the life of 18 year old Maurice Johnson of Alton. The American Red Cross also awarded Kim the "Certificate of Recognition for Extraordinary Personal Action" for utilizing Red Cross lifesaving skills to save a human life.

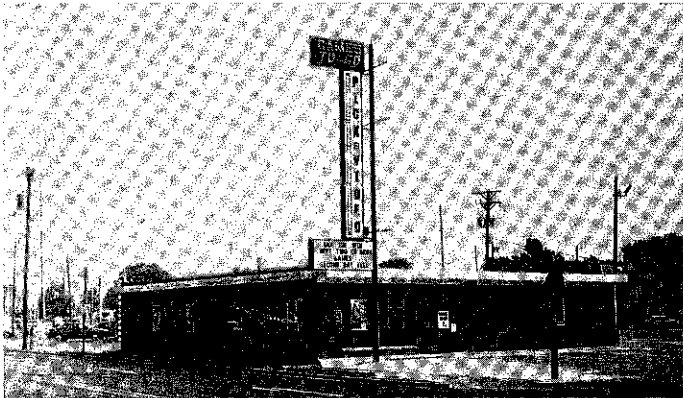
Kim, a Wood River resident, is a junior at Eastern Illinois University, majoring in elementary education. She has been employed at the Aquatic Center for the past 5 years as a life guard and swim instructor.

We're proud of Kim and wish her the best in her career.

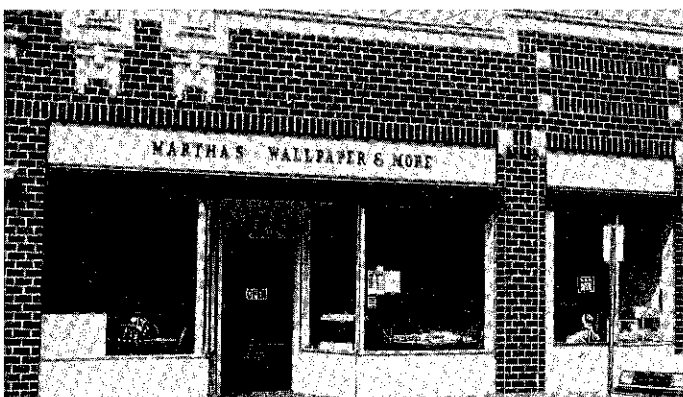
Introducing New and Remodeled Businesses in Wood River....



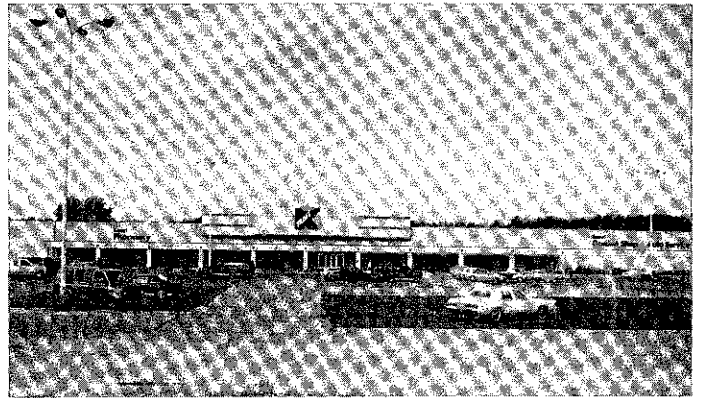
The BEARLY NEW BOUTIQUE is a new thrift shop located at the corner of Ferguson and Wood River Avenue. Lou & Michelle Erklitz relocated their business from Alton, and are happy to be in Wood River. Their consignment shop handles everything from housewares and appliances to all sizes of clothing. Stop in to look around, and then talk to Michelle to find out how you can earn a profit on your resale items.



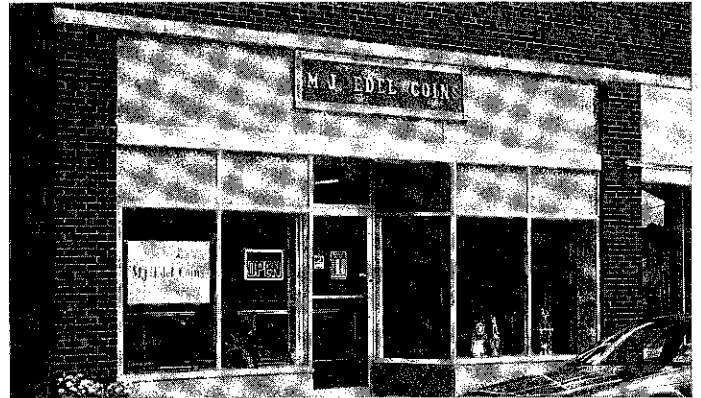
The newest video store in town PICK-A-VIDEO, is located on the corner of Route 111 and Acton. This Family Entertainment Center offers video rental specials every day, and also rents out game systems along with all types of game tapes. PICK-A-VIDEO is open every day of the year!



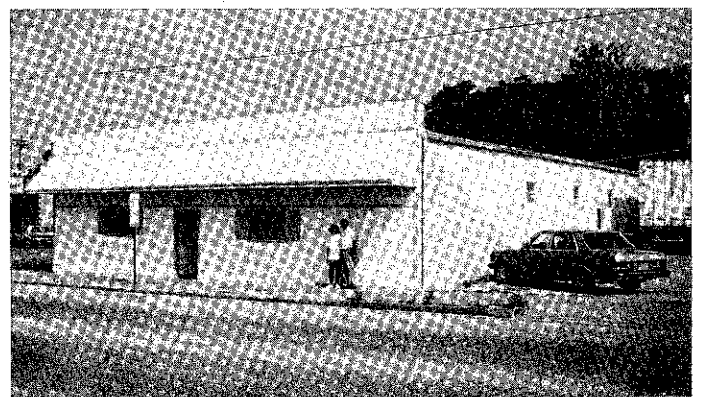
For a fresh new look in interior decorating, stop and look at the many new designs in wallpaper at MARTHA'S WALLPAPER AND MORE located at #10 Wood River Avenue. Owner Martha Warren, also has some charming reproduction Oak Furniture you will want to see. Business hours are Monday thru Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, or call 251-4444.



You will be amazed at the many changes taking place at our own WOOD RIVER K-MART store. Stop in to shop and make note of the renovations being done to meet the ADA requirements for the handicapped. Automatic doors, wider aisles, and a unique new convenient pharmacy located at the front of the store are just a few of the improvements. Not to mention "The Eatery Express" which has been remodeled to tempt your tastebuds.



Coin and stamp collectors will want to stop by EDEL COINS at 59 E. Ferguson, in Wood River. Owner Mike Edel opened his coin shop after establishing a large clientele at local flea markets. Mack Elliott, the Asst. Manager, can also answer your questions. Office hours are Wednesday thru Saturday, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Phone: 254-3335.



Lonnie and Nancy Pollard have just recently moved into their newly remodeled building located at 131 E. Ferguson. They conduct school fundraisers and are known as USA FUNDRAISERS. We welcome this new business to the City of Wood River.

Council Corner

Malls are closing, Downtown shopping districts in small towns across the country have fallen into disrepair, and retailers are closing their doors in unprecedented numbers.

Amid this fairly bleak national picture a point of light is beginning to shine through, right here in Wood River. We are fighting the trends. Although not yet fully visible to the public eye, a rejuvenation is taking place in our downtown area. A tiny flame that is feverishly burning at this very moment is expected to burst into a bright flame during 1993.

The combined efforts of the Wood River business community, City Officials, Local Investors, and Loyal Customers are giving our downtown that shot in the arm that a few years ago we all thought improbable if not impossible. Let me take a moment to discuss just a few of the important elements that are causing this change to occur

1. The new bridge and the new highway systems which are nearing completion will place Wood River, and especially downtown, smack in the middle as the hub of the metro east traffic system. The daily traffic count through the downtown area is expected to zoom to over 30,000 cars per day.

2. The Tax Increment Financing District which was wisely established by the City Council in 1987 to take advantage of some economic development legislation is now generating enough revenue to replace and repair streets, sidewalks and water problems. By law these funds must be spent in the T.I.F. district.

3. Storefronts and offices in downtown are filling up. In the past several years we have had over 90% occupancy.

4. Owners are opening businesses in their own buildings at a quickening pace. Owners who occupy their own buildings tend to take more pride in their property and care more for the appearance. This also seems to be a sign that good investment opportunities exist downtown.

5. The City Council and city

administrators have been taking an unusually serious interest in developing downtown. There seems to be a determined commitment by this City Council to make the downtown comeback a reality.

6. Financial packages and incentives have been developed to encourage the renovation of buildings to make them safer, more functional, and to spruce up their appearance. Many merchants are actively fixing up their buildings.

7. Approximately fifteen years ago the property owners downtown formed the Wood River Development Corp. This group levied a special tax upon themselves to use downtown. Recently this group has become quite active in their quest to improve downtown. Several eyesores have already been removed. During 1993 this group will begin actively purchasing and renovating quality structures to rent or resell.

8. Self promotion is the factor that is most critical in the success of downtown. If you build it, they won't necessarily come! If you promote it well, they can't resist! Civic Action, our promotion group downtown, is on the move. This group is composed of merchants in the downtown area brought together for the sole purpose of creating sales and excitement in downtown Wood River. With the influx of new owner-occupied buildings came the added ingredient of new blood to this organization giving it the vitality and creativity not seen for a long time. Our

highly successful Sidewalk Sale & Festival, which brought nearly 15,000 shoppers to downtown is a sample of things to come from this group.

Yes, I believe that we do have our own point of light right here in Wood River. By this time next year downtown will have changed dramatically.

- * New streets and sidewalks will be in place.
- * New street lights will have been installed by Illinois Power.
- * Many more businesses will have redone their storefronts.
- * Several buildings will be entirely renovated, with others under construction.
- * Advertising and activities downtown will be intensified.
- * Our Sidewalk Sale & Festival will be much larger and other exciting events will be added.

Downtowns are the very heart beat of every small community, and Wood River is no exception. If our downtown business district is attractive and doing well, it makes us all feel a little better and proud of our town. We have a great team working very hard for that success, but there is a part to be played by each of you. In order to be successful we need each of you to promote not only downtown but all of Wood River as a good place to shop and raise our families.

Each of us can become an ambassador for Wood River!

Councilman Dan Robien

Fredbird to be in Halloween Parade

The Wood River Firefighters Association will be sponsoring the Annual Halloween Parade for the third year. This year's parade will be held **Saturday, October 31**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.** Starting at Emerick Sports Complex, the parade will travel south on Sixth Street to Edwardsville Road. From Edwardsville Road, it will head west on Eaton to Wood River Avenue, south along Wood River Avenue to Ferguson, east on Ferguson, ending on First Street.

Along with the clowns, floats, and marching groups, Fredbird will make his first appearance in our parade. Also, the Downtown Civic Action group will be more involved than ever before with the window painting contest on downtown buildings and activities following the parade.

Something that is usually lost in the festivities is the fact that this parade and the entertainment are not free. Due to a commitment by our city fathers in the form a nice contribution from the budget, and the outstanding contributions made by Wood River area businesses, this parade is possible. Due to this support in past years, our parade committee has been able to make contributions to several Shriner groups, provide candy that is distributed along the parade route, and present cash prizes for best float and costume categories.

The Wood River Firefighters volunteer many hours to organize and oversee this parade. Hopefully the citizens will enjoy this event as much as the Firefighters enjoy bringing it to them. **HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN.**