



City of
**WOOD
RIVER**

PIPELINE

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BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY DEDICATION

Dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Highway (Route 143) was held September 21 at Dwiggins Park located at Madison Avenue and Old St. Louis Road intersection. New Route 143 was designated a Blue Star Highway through the efforts of the Wood River Garden Club. Since 1944, Garden Clubs throughout the United States have participated in this project.

Blue Star Memorial highways are a tribute to all the men and women of the Armed Forces. The marker, located at the park, is sponsored by the Garden Club in conjunction with Magna Bank of Wood River, Wood River VFW Post 2859 and Ladies Auxiliary, and Wood River American Legion Post 204. Kienstra Inc. donated the concrete to set the 40 foot flagpole which was donated by VFW and American Legion.

Wood River Garden Club members Jeanette Major, Virginia Yakstis, Barbara Mutz and Juanita Miller planted flowers and shrubbery in a large bed surrounding the sign, and three trees were planted in the background with help from the Grounds



Maintenance. A large "Welcome To Wood River" sign and the American flag will complete the flower bed. Dwiggins Park was named in honor of retired Parks Superintendent Jerry Dwiggins who was present at the dedication.

This ceremony was in coordination with the 50th Anniversary of the Wood River Garden Club. Congratulations and thanks again ladies for your continuing commitment to the beautification of Wood River.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE



The Wood River Halloween Parade Committee has begun work on this year's parade. Viewed by crowds exceeding 3,000 each year, the parade continues to be one of the best attended community events in the area.

This parade is made successful each year as a result of the countless hours of work donated by many volunteers, as well as, the cooperation of local businesses. We don't want to forget how essential they are to the success of the Halloween Parade. Parade Chairman James Chapman takes pleasure in thanking the local businesses for responding so generously to his plea for financial support.

The Wood River Police Department would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the 7th Annual Wood

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ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

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River Halloween Parade, Saturday, October 29, 1988 at 1 PM. The parade starts at Sixth Street Park, proceeds south on Sixth Street to Ferguson Avenue, west on Ferguson Avenue to Haller Street, ending at the Magna Bank parking lot.

Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the best costume, best float and band competition. Line-up time will be 12:00 noon.

If you would like to join in the fun and march in this year's parade, fill out the form below and mail to:

Halloween Parade Committee
c/o Wood River Police Dept.
111 N. Wood River Avenue
Wood River, IL 62095

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

(TYPE OF UNIT - CIRCLE ONE OR MORE)

Marching (Individual) Float Band Emergency Vehicle

Other _____

Specify _____

**HALLOWEEN
SAFETY
MESSAGE
FROM YOUR
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



HALLOWEEN IS A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES TO HAVE FUN. PART OF THAT FUN IS TO PARTICIPATE IN "TRICK-OR-TREATING." MANY CHILDREN WILL BE OUT CROSSING STREETS, OFTEN NOT TOO CAREFULLY, DURING DAYLIGHT, DUSK AND EVENING HOURS. SO MOTORISTS NEED TO BE EXTRA ALERT AND EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED. THIS HALLOWEEN YOU CAN GIVE OUR KIDS A REAL TREAT - THEIR LIVES! DRIVE CAREFULLY!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 15: Tri-City Soccer BURGER DAYS
- 21: Jiveland Dance
- 29: Halloween Parade/Oktoberfest
- 30: Halloween Party at Jiveland
- November : Co-Ed Volleyball
- Youth Tri-City Wrestling
- December 17: Breakfast with Santa
- January : Adult Ski Trip

(For more information, call 254-5521)

OPERATION BLESSING RECEIVES AWARD



Volunteers Pat Johnson, Marge Palermo, Delores Kaylor and Virginia Kirkpatrick are shown beside the Governor's Home Town Award sign on Rock Hill Road.

The Governor's "Home Town" Award was recently presented to Virginia Kirkpatrick, Director of Operation Blessing, by Governor Thompson. The organization was recognized for the combined effort of the community and the 27 volunteers who manage Operation Blessing. Also, the City presented the group with a plaque, acknowledging their dedication to the needy.

Your donation of soap (bar and laundry), shampoo, large brown grocery bags, can goods, paper goods, and toys are always welcome at Operation Blessing headquarters located at 427 St. Louis Road, Wood River (Monday through Thursday, 10 AM until 1 PM).

Presently the Girl Scouts are learning to sew doll clothes which will be given away at Christmas with dolls from Operation Blessing. If you or your group/organization would like to get involved by helping the volunteers at Operation Blessing, give them a call at 251-5683 to see how you can help.

CABBAGE PATCH DOLL ADOPTED

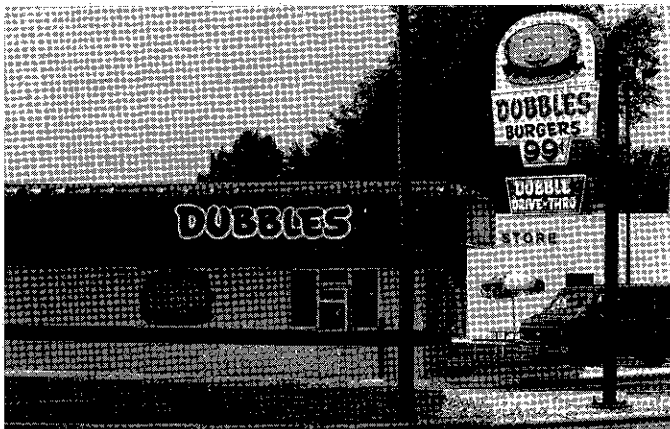
The Wood River Recreation Youth League and Wood River Moose sold chances to adopt a Cardinal Cabbage Patch Doll autographed by the 1987 Cardinal Baseball Team, including Jack Clark. The doll was donated by Willard "Butch" Portell, Madison County Circuit Clerk, and was on display at City Hall and the Roundhouse. The proceeds will go to the Wood River Youth League to offset expenses for boy's baseball and girl's softball. The drawing was held and Jim Murphy won the Cabbage Patch Doll for his son Cory.

NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN

We are always happy to welcome new businesses in our community. Since our last Pipeline publication, the following stores are open for business.



Valvoline Oil Company has opened INSTANT OIL CHANGE at 1502 Vaughn Road, offering full service oil change, vehicle lubrication and maintenance service from 8 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Saturday. Service is less than ten minutes, and no appointment is needed.

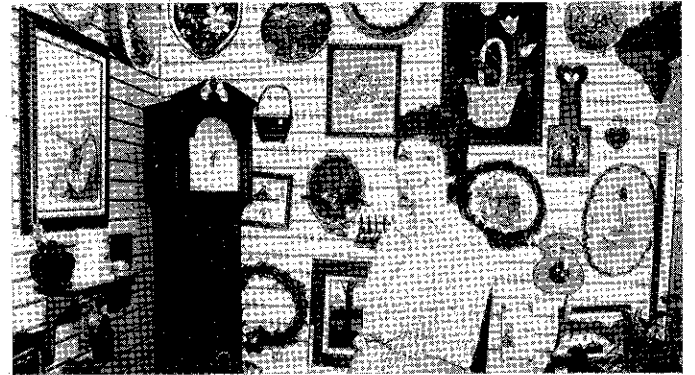


A DUBBLES fast-food hamburger restaurant has opened at 9th Street and Edwardsville Road, specializing in fresh quarter-pound, all beef hamburgers, cajun spiced chicken breast sandwiches and spiced french fries at a minimum price, serving from 10 AM until 1 AM. The new chain is locally owned by Phil Castelli, Mark Schwartzkopf and Lyman Barton.

Sharing the corner with Dubbles is the C-STORE, a small convenience outlet supplying the usual, in addition to beer, wine and lottery tickets. C-STORE is a one-of-a-kind store owned by Lyman Barton.

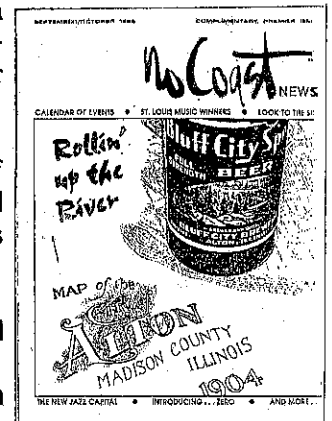


DEB'S HAIR DESIGNS opened this summer at 9th & Edwardsville Road, featuring hair care, nails and tanning bed. Matrix Hair Care Products and Sloppy Joe unisize casual wear can be purchased there. Manager Deb Ohlson oversees a friendly shop serving male and female customers of all ages.

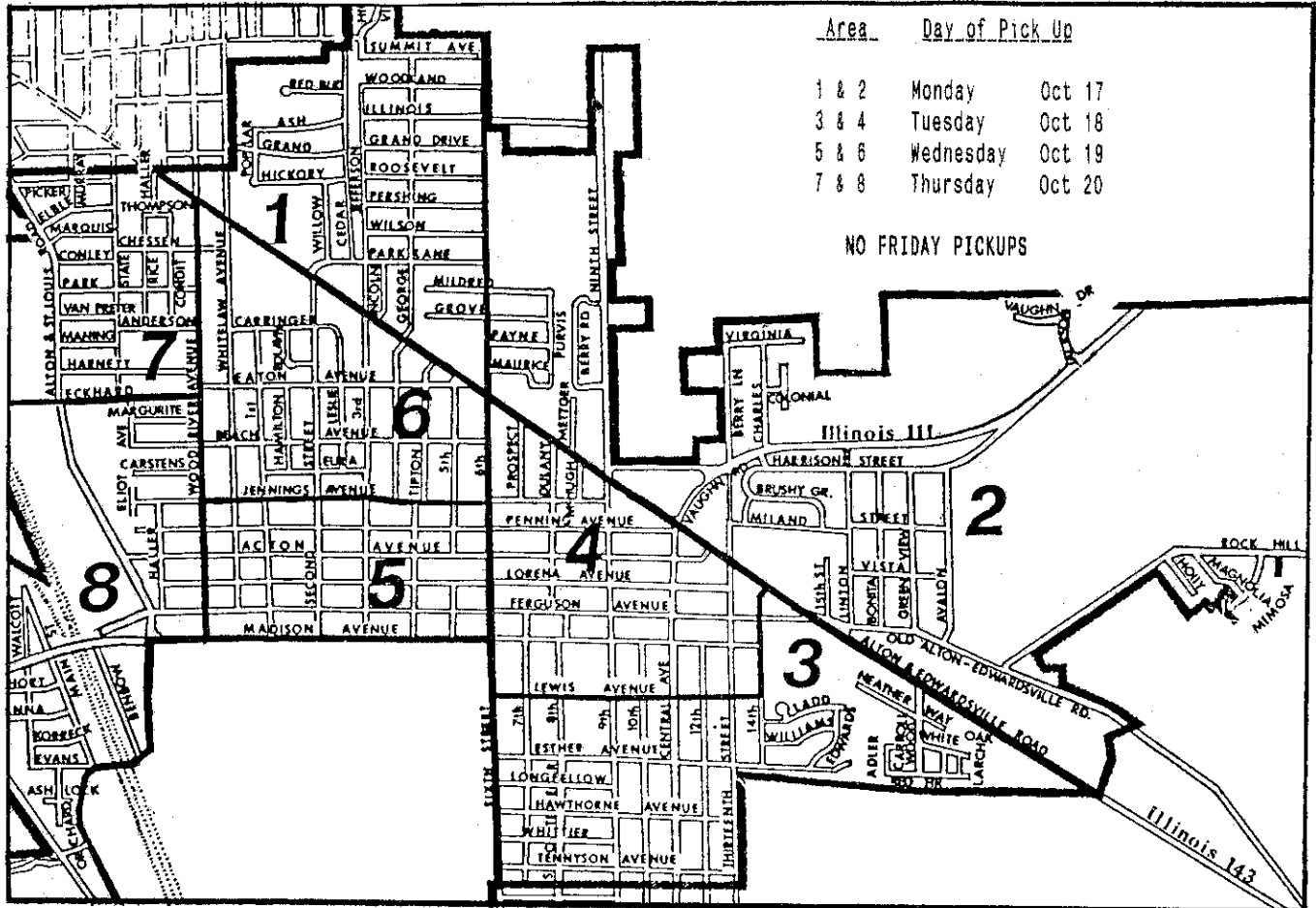


Gail Matthews manages GAIL'S ARTS & CRAFTS shop, also located at 9th & Edwardsville Road. The shop displays an abundance of unusual hand-crafted gifts, quilts, oil paintings, and craft supplies - just made for browsing. Customers may enroll in 14 different classes such as basket weaving, stained glass, flower arranging, painting, and sweatshirt painting.

NO COAST NEWS is a new publication created for the Greater Alton/Edwardsville area, informing residents and visitors of local activities and entertainment. It's meant to fill a gap, literally and figuratively, with art and articles by local talent. Distributed in businesses and entertainment centers throughout the area, located at 14 N. Wood River Avenue. NO COAST NEWS is published by Deborah Wallace, edited by Martha Kelley, and designed by Cathy Paisley.



Fall Clean-Up Map



Fall cleanup will be scheduled the third week in October. To assure pickup, all items must be placed at the curb by 8 AM on the scheduled day. As in the past, there will be no alley pickups. Remember to cut brush and limbs into 3-4 foot lengths and tied in bundles of reasonable size. Building materials such as bricks, concrete or blocks cannot be accepted. Please don't place any items at the curb you do not wish to have picked up, including trash cans or other containers.

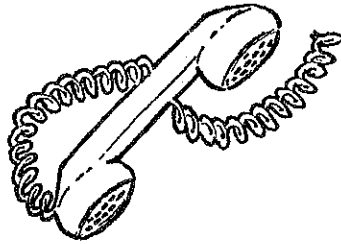
AFTER THE TRUCK HAS BEEN IN YOUR AREA, IT WILL NOT RETURN. If for some reason we fall behind schedule, we will continue the following day.

If you have any questions about a specific item, call and ask one of the inspectors at 254-0123. There's no better time than the present to begin getting your home, garage and yard in shape. Refer to the map above for the date the truck will be in your area.

Leaf Pickup Schedule

The leaf machine and street sweeper are scheduled to start the first of November, depending on the weather. Call Public Works Department (254-0725) for exact date.

- MON: The area west of Wood River Avenue, including west of the railroad tracks.
- TUES: The area between Wood River Avenue and Third Street, including all of Wood River Avenue.
- WED: The area between Third Street and Sixth Street including all of Third Street, Eastwood Subdivision and Lincoln Addition.
- THRS: The area between Sixth Street and Ninth Street including all of Sixth Street, Fox Acres, Metzger Street and Berry Road.
- FRI: The entire area east of Ninth Street (including all of Ninth Street)



WOOD RIVER SERVICES DIRECTORY

Abandoned Cars (on streets)	254-8923	License Plates (non-dealer)	258-0600
Abandoned Cars (private prop)	254-0123	Liquor Licenses	254-0123
Agency for Aging (State)	1-800-642-3859	Litter & Debris Complaints	254-0123
Alley Maintenance (City)	254-4618	Maps & Plats (County)	1-692-6200
Ambulance (Emergency)	254-9411	Marriage Licenses	692-6290 254-6768
Animal Control	254-8923	Mayor (City Hall)	254-0123
Belk Park Golf Course	254-9065	Meals-on-Wheels	254-7442
Birth Certificates (County)	1-692-6290	MEDCO (Ambulance)	254-9411
Brush/Limbs Pick-up (City)	254-5822	Mini-Bus (Senior Citizens)	1-800-628-7433
Building Inspections	259-0984	Parks (City)	254-5521
Building & Zoning	254-0123	Permits (bldg, elec, plmg, demolition, signs)	254-0123
City Clerk	254-0123	Picnic Shelter (Belk Park)	254-0123
City Manager	254-0123	Police Emergency	254-4303
County Clerk	1-692-6290	Police Records	254-8923
Court Office (County)		Property Taxes (Twp)	259-1532
small claims, traffic	254-4018	Public Defender's Office	1-692-6200
Demolition Permits	254-0123	Public Library	254-4832
Dog/Cat Catcher	254-8923	Recorder of Deeds (County)	692-6200
Dog/Cat Licenses	254-0131	Recreation Programs (City)	254-5521
Driver's License	258-0600	Roundhouse Recreation Center	254-5521
Electric/Gas Bill (IL Power)	254-0891	Senior Citizen Programs	1-800-642-3859
Electrical Permits	254-0123	Sidewalk Repairs	254-4618
Emergency Room (hospital)	254-4311	Sign Permits	254-0123
Employment Office (State)	466-8110	Small Claims (County Court W.R.)	254-4018
Emergency Assistance	251-2366	Smoke Detector Installation	259-0991
Fed. Commodities Prog.	259-2366	Snow Removal	254-4618
Fence Permits	254-0123	Social Security Office	463-6565
Fire Emergency	254-4301	Street Lights-Illinois Power	254-0896
Fire Inspection	259-0991	Street Repairs/Sweeping	254-4618
Garbage Collection	254-0131	Swimming Pool (Aquatic Center)	254-0443
General Welfare Assistance	259-2366	Tax Assessor (Twp)	259-1532
Golf Course (Belk Park)	254-9065	Traffic Court/Tickets	254-4018
Hospital (W.R.T.H.) Ext 511	254-4311	Treasurer (City)	254-0131
Inspections, bldg & fire	259-0984	Township Clerk	259-7260
Job Service	466-8110	Vacation Check (WR Police)	254-8923
Junk Cars	254-0123	Voter Registration	254-0123
Large Item Refuse Disposal	254-5822	Water/Sewer Bill/Service	254-0131
Legal Ass't (low income)	462-0029	Weed Complaints	254-0123
Library (Wood River Public)	254-4832		

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of telephone numbers for local and state agencies which may help you in locating a desired number. If you are unable to find the number you need, you may contact City Hall for assistance.

City Hall provides many services for the citizens of Wood River and we

encourage you to take advantage of them.

Citizens can obtain bus passes, handicap parking cards, garage sale permits and voters can register at City Hall (Monday through Friday, from 8 AM to 5 PM). Low income housing (HUD) applications are no longer taken at City Hall, but can be acquired by calling 254-6568 for an appointment.

YARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Maintaining our yards and homes seems like a never ending responsibility, but it is a responsibility that will gain us great satisfaction. One aspect of yard maintenance that needs to be addressed is the actual area of yard that each property owner is responsible. According to Wood River City Code, an individual's yard is described as extending from the middle of the alley to the middle of the street, side lot line to side lot line.

People tend to forget just how far their lot extends because of the existing right-of-ways and easements for public access or utilities that run through most yards. But these right-of-ways and easements do not diminish the responsibility of the property owner for maintenance of these areas. Examples of these are areas outside of fences, along the alley and next to streets. Recent improvements to Madison Avenue have caused some confusion over who is responsible for areas directly abutting the roadway. For example, highway property owners on Madison Avenue (Rt. 143) are still required to cut the grass to the curb. The adjacent property owner is responsible for any property within the middle of the alley to the middle of the roadway, regardless of any existing right-of-ways or easements. The City or State purchase just the right-of-access for the public, they don't purchase the actual real property in most cases.

With the growing season still going strong and the impending snow season around the corner, property owners must remember the simple rule of thumb, "responsibility for yard maintenance extends between the middle of the alley to the middle of the street, from side yard to side yard lot line". If this simple rule is followed, our City will be maintained in an attractive manner in which we can all be proud.

PERMIT US TO HELP YOU

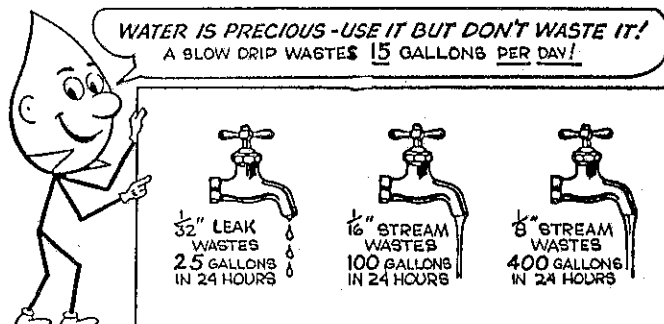
Since 1980, the Fire Department has served as the building inspection department for the City. One of the chief problems encountered over the years is that citizens don't always understand the building permit process, or for that matter, why they must get a building permit at all.

The first step in the process is determining if a permit is necessary for the work planned. Many jobs don't even require a permit. Secondly, a permit application must be obtained from City Hall and filled out properly, including drawings showing what is to be built and how. Construction could be held up if the application is incomplete, or the drawings are unclear. The inspector may call or visit the site to verify what is to be done.

After obtaining a building permit, construction can begin. At different times, the inspector must be called out to make inspections. To save time, you should call the Fire Station the day before and make an appointment, especially when the electricity or gas is interrupted. While the inspector is there, you can ask about any changes that must be made. Problems do arise no matter how well you might plan ahead. If your contractor tries to cut corners, the inspector will direct him to make the necessary changes to insure a good job. A pink slip, which verifies the code is being followed, will be issued with each inspection. You should ask your contractor for these slips to eliminate potential problems later.

When the job is completed, the inspector will do a final inspection. This final inspection insures you, the contractor (if you use one), the loan company, and your insurance agent, that the job is legally complete and safe to occupy. Businesses must also obtain a certificate of occupancy, which certifies the building is safe to open to the public.

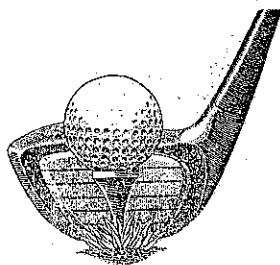
Remember, it is the responsibility of the owner to make sure a permit is obtained. If you have any questions, or if you need help filling out an application, please call 259-0984 or stop by the Fire Station.



DON'T FORGET OKTOBERFEST - Each year the downtown merchants plan food, special sales and events to coincide with the Halloween Parade, Saturday, September 29.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT GOLF BALL

Golf equipment has become very sophisticated and choosing the correct golf ball can be confusing. Golf balls are classified in four categories: covers, dimples, composition and compression.



Golf ball covers are made of several substances. Knowing the difference between a surlyn cover and balata cover could save money for the average golfer. The flight of a ball is affected by the shape, depth, and arrangement of the dimples. Most ball manufacturers are now making balls with more dimples and balls with different patterns, influencing the height and distance of a shot. Most golf balls are either two-piece or three-piece composition, one having a solid core and the other a small rubber core. The last category is called compression, which is the amount a ball will flex under a 200 pound load. Less flex means more compression and vice versa.

The golf market will continue to change, therefore, it is very important to take advantage of the various features available to you in golf balls. Stop out and talk to Belk Park Golf Pro Mark Marcuzzo, he will be glad to help you in selecting the right golf ball for your game.

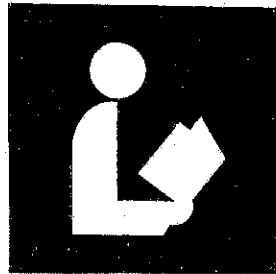
NEW MARQUEE AT CENTRAL PARK



The Recreation Department has erected a new marquee in Central Park facing Wood River Avenue. Watch for a list of recreation activities and community events organized through the Roundhouse.

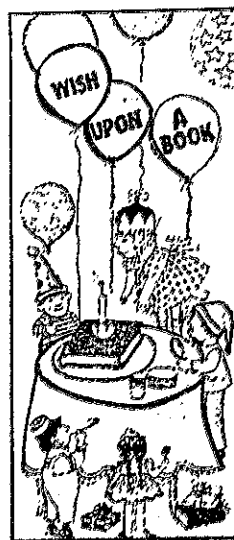
WOOD RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED LIBRARY OF AMERICA SERIES

The Wood River Library has been awarded a 60-volume set of The Library of America, the series that American Heritage magazine called, "The most ambitious effort ever undertaken to put the best of American literature into the hands of the general reader."



The Wood River Library is receiving the award after submitting an application to the Library of America and obtaining pledges totalling \$500 from Wood River Firefighter's Association, Wood River Rotary Club, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1349, KEZK/WRTH Radio, and Wood River Woman's Club.

The library has already received and processed for check-out the 38 volumes presently published in the series. The remaining 22 volumes will be sent in regular shipments over the next five years for an average total of five volumes per year.



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
NOVEMBER 14-20, 1988

"WISH UPON A BOOK" will be the theme for Children's Book Week, November 14-20, 1988. If you wish for special activities at the library that week, your wish is sure to come true.

Watch for details for an after school program for grades 1-6 and a preschool program on Saturday, November 19 at 10:30 AM.

The library will also sponsor, in conjunction with Lewis & Clark Library System, a

"DESIGN A BOOKMARK" contest. 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. First place winners will be printed and distributed by Lewis & Clark Library system.

CITY "HALL OF FAME"



For over 16 years, Susie Spencer has been a familiar face in the water office, accepting water bill payments, handling new water service and disconnects, cat/dog licenses, accounts payable, as well as, numerous other office duties.

Susie enjoys volleyball, biking, reading and spending leisure time in the country with her son Brian, and twins Amy and Eric. She also has a notable reputation for her baking expertise.

A friendly smile and an infectious laugh are Susie's trademark. Next time you're in City Hall, stop and say "Hi" to Susie in the Finance Department.

Sgt. Richard Morris retired from the Wood River Police Department August 13, 1988, after serving 21 years as a police officer. Mayor Smith presented "Dick" with a retirement plaque honoring him for his years of service.

Dick graduated from the National FBI Academy in 1976, and was a member of the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad. He enjoys attending tractor pulls and gardening in his leisure time, and is presently employed by McDonnell Douglas as a Security Guard.



Council Corner

You, as a resident of Wood River, can get involved in "CRIME PREVENTION" by actively participating in programs that bring police and community together. Whether it be the NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, OPERATION I-DENT, SECURITY SURVEY, or I LIVE ALONE PROGRAM, the Police Department can help you take part in this joint effort.

Each of these programs is designed to address a specific problem. The NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM unites you and your neighbors in the fight against burglars and vandals. OPERATION I-DENT was created to label and identify your valuables so that in the event they are stolen, you can easily identify them by the identification number. SECURITY SURVEY offers you the opportunity to have your home inspected by a police officer who will identify features in your home that make it an easy target for a burglar and also, he will advise you what steps can be taken to eliminate or reduce these hazards. The last program, I LIVE ALONE, benefits the elderly living alone by providing a daily phone call to check on their needs and make sure they are well.

These programs are made possible through contributions from VFW, American Legion, Lions Club, and K-Mart Corporation.

CRIME PREVENTION is the responsibility of each of us. Do your part and get more information by writing to:

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT
WOOD RIVER POLICE DEPT.
111 N. WOOD RIVER AVE.
WOOD RIVER, IL 62095

Or call Commander David Downs at 254-8923 regarding the program that will assist you and the community as a whole in CRIME PREVENTION.

Mayor Lon Smith
City of Wood River

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