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Work plans for 1991/92 were approved in the recently adopted budget on April 1, 1991. The new budget provides for a General Fund expenditure totaling \$3,942,695 and an overall budget of \$9,556,545.

The good news is that there will be no property tax increase for this coming fiscal

year. At the same time, some services will be restricted due to their escalating costs. A particular concern has been the cost associated with refuse disposal. Last year it was necessary to raise our residential refuse collection rate. This year the loss on providing a dumpster at the City Garage will have to be reduced. That program,

New Faces Take Places on City Council



Two newcomers, Anthony Stassi and Scott Levan, were officially "sworn in" as City Councilmen during the April 15 Council meeting.

Both Stassi and Levan are lifelong residents of Wood River and are anxious to serve the citizens in their new role.

Stassi and his wife, Sheila, have three children, a son, Ricci, and two daughters, Michelle and Lisa. Tony is a graduate of Ranken Trade School and is employed as a construction boilermaker with the AFL/CIO Local #363 in Belleville. He also serves as a union delegate to the Southwestern Building and Trades Council

in Collinsville. Public service is not new to Stassi who is presently Precinct Committeeman for the 3rd Precinct in Wood River.

Levan is a graduate of Blackburn College having a degree in Business Administration and Economics and a minor in Psychology. He is currently employed by Marks Mortuary and has served on the City's Board of Zoning Appeals and Plan Commission for the past two years. In his spare time, Scott works with young people and is the youth director for the United Methodist Church.

losing the City an estimated \$40,000 - \$50,000 annually, will have the fees raised substantially. As an alternative, the City will provide for pick-up of bulky items, such as furniture/appliances at the front curb for a \$15 fee. This change will save the City an estimated \$30,000 in the 1991/92 fiscal year.

Other important items in the budget include a salary increase of approximately 4% for City employees. Only three new positions will be added, a secretarial position at City Hall, a laborer position in the Water Division, and a Technician/Greenskeeper at the Golf Course.

The City will make good use of funds available from the income tax surcharge. A payment of \$100,000 will go into reserve for the new Snorkel fire truck, \$134,200 will be used to retire the Refuse Fund deficit, \$80,000 will be earmarked for curbs, gutters, storm sewers and sidewalks and \$27,000 for police cars.

The Tax Increment Financing budget of \$996,928 will generate significant activity, with \$500,000 budgeted for downtown property rehabilitation assistance and other improvements in the T.I.F. District.

Retiring Councilmembers

As retining Councilmember George Paynic stepped down from his Council seat last Monday evening, he says "Thank you to everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve the City the past four years. It has been a privilege and I am grateful to all." Paynic did not seek a second term.

The City appreciates the dedication of George Paynic and Jeffrey Green during their past term of office.



Introducing. . .

Dean M. Schulmeister, our newest patrolman, received his badge from Mayor Emerick and was officially sworn into office on April 1, 1991. Brad just recently graduated from the Police Academy Basic Training at Belleville Area College.

Dean formerly worked in the Clubhouse at Belk Park Golf Course. Prior to that, he played professional baseball with the Chicago Cubs minor league. "I'm enjoying the job and excited about helping the citizens" says Schulmeister.

During his leisure time, Brad enjoys golf, fishing and hunting. He also plays softball and baseball in the summer months.

We welcome Dean to our Police Department and wish him the best.

Family Days 1991

The Wood River Jaycees, in cooperation with the City of Wood River, are revitalizing Family Days to be held in the downtown area on August 9th and 10th. Plans are underway, so if you have any ideas or suggestions on what you would like to see, contact Ramona Hamilton at 462-4677 or Tim Palermo at 251-3122.

If you would like more information or would be interested in joining the Wood River Jaycees, you are invited to attend meetings on the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the V.F.W. Hall on Edwardsville Road in Wood River.

Lincoln Addition Improvement Project

Wood River was recently awarded a \$355,000 Community Development Block Grant by Madison County for Federal funds to assist in rehabilitation work for Lincoln Addition. Lincoln Addition, located north of Park Lane between Sixth Street and Jefferson, has potential for extensive housing development when streets, drainage and water lines are improved. All of these issues will be addressed in the Community Development project.

There is presently a 4" water line in George Street that will be replaced by a new 6" line, which will be looped back to Cedar and Sixth Street. All of the side streets will have 4" lines replacing the present inadequate 2" lines. Ten fire hydrants will be installed so that with adequate water pressure and hydrants, fire protection will be greatly enhanced.

While water improvements will be underground and not noticeable, very noticeable will be the improvements to

Upcoming Community Events

- 1. TRIBUTE TO DORIS LINK A special ceremony will be held on Friday, June 7, 1991 to dedicate a bench and plaque in the memory of Doris Link, our long time Township Assessor who recently passed away. Mayor Emerick will unveil the bench at 7:45 p.m. at the Memorial Garden in Central Park. Following the dedication ceremony, a band concert will be held with Bob Kuban entertaining.
- WOOD RIVER NIGHT AT BUSCH STADIUM. Wednesday, June 26 is "Wood River Night" at Busch Stadium. Loge reserved tickets between the Cardinals and the Phillies will soon be available at City Hall or the Public Service Office. Call 251-3122 for further information.
- 3. SEASON OPENER OF AQUATIC CENTER. June 8 at 1:00 p.m. with Hot 97 KHTK broadcasting live from the Center.
- 4. FAMILY DAYS August 9 and 10, 1991 in the downtown area.

George Street. George Street will be curbed, guttered and repaved from Park Lane up to Summit. Storm sewers will be installed as needed. The contract for this project will be awarded in May and construction is to be completed in September. After the contractor has finished, City crews will finish paving the road.

As part of this project, the City will authorize engineering studies with the intention of updating the flood hazard insurance map. Part of this area is in the zone which is subject to severe building restrictions because of previous flooding. As many flood improvements have been put in place, particularly the Sixth Street Retention Basin, the threat of flooding is greatly diminished. Changing this zone designation will be helpful to our community.

This investment in Lincoln Addition should go a long way in making Lincoln Addition an attractive part of our City.

Upland Retention Basin Project

For over 20 years, the City of Wood River has been working on various flood improvement drainage projects. In the course of time, many hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on solving the flood hazards for the community. A very important project, the Upland Retention Basin, is the last major item of the plan to alleviate flooding conditions in our City. The Upland Retention Basin will be built on land the City has purchased across from Wal-Mart on Highway 111. The upland basin will capture the run-off from hundreds of acres and hold it in a retention pond so it will alleviate the flooding in the downstream areas between 111 and 143, particularly Glendale Gardens. Once the detention basin is constructed, the State Highway Department will extend storm sewers at the Edwardsville Road and Route 111 intersection, which is now almost impossible to drain.

This project should relieve a great deal of the downstream flooding. Once the project is in place, the City can focus on priority drainage problems which it is now impossible to do until the detention basin is in place.

Introducing the New City Manager

Barrett Jones, former City Manager of Cookeville, Tennessee took over as Wood River City Manager January 2, 1991. Jones was appointed to the position after the City Council solicited applications nationwide and interviewed five candidates for the position following the resignation of Mr. Richard Phillips in the Fall of 1990.

Jones has spent his entire career in City government. Following graduation from the Wharton Graduate School, University of Pennsylvania, he interned as Assistant City Manager in Springfield, Missouri. He was then City Manager of Coffeeville, Kansas, City Administrator of St. Joseph, Missouri, and then for 15 years City Manager in Columbia, Tennessee. He worked for the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool for three years prior to his appointment in Cookeville in 1988.



Jones stated, "I have had the opportunity to have had extensive municipal experience in a number of

communities. I would hope that I can use this experience and my talents to assist Wood River in the years ahead. There are great opportunities presented to Wood River right now, like the downtown TIF project, potential industrialization, and annexations. These and other items are advantages that are on our door step. The City Council wants to move on all of these programs and I certainly hope I can help in the process."

He also stated that he has been pleased with the performance of his City staff and getting to know Wood River and the surrounding community.

Jones and his wife live on North Sixth Street in Wood River. They were originally from South Dakota and met while attending the University of South Dakota. They have raised five sons, three of whom are now married. Four sons live in Tennessee and one in Georgia.

Trees Donated by Shell



Left to Right, Mayor Leroy Emerick and Fred Gilliam, City of Wood River; Gene Peters, Shell Oil Co.; Mark Heiney and Allen Wallace, Sugarloaf Nursery.

One hundred new trees have been planted this past Fall and early Spring in various parks and school sites throughout the City. Thanks to Shell Oil Company's Wood River Manufacturing Complex who donated the trees. The Mayors of Wood River, Roxana, South Roxana and Hartford were invited to participate in the tree-planting program in observance of Earth Day. This project has a value of \$10,000.



City "Hall of Fame"

In this issue, we have two "Hall-of-Famers". Lt. Tom Whalen and Firefighter Dana Emerick shared honors for "Firefighter of the Year 1990". Voted by entire staff, this honor is given to the fire department member who gives extra effort to the department or the community.

Tom is the department's representative to the Illinois Firefighters Association, serves as secretary to the pension fund, and is a lead investigator on the Madison County Arson Task Force.

Dana organized and chaired the committee for the Wood River Halloween Parade, and was recently appointed the newest member of the training staff with an Instructor I State Certification.

Congratulations to Tom and Dana!

WOOD RIVER RECREATION



Roundhouse Recreation Center 633 Wood River Avenue 251-3130

Cheerleading Camp

A cheerleading camp is offered as one of our summer programs. This camp will meet each morning, Monday thru Friday from 9 to 11 A.M. All participants will learn sideline cheers, mounts, and a floor cheer. For more details call the Roundhouse office at 251-3130.

DATES: June 10 - 14 AGE: 5th & 6th Grade

REGISTRATION: May 6 - 17

FEE: \$12.00

Summer Day Camp

Summer is a great time for kids in the Summer Day Camp Program. All Children, Grades K thru 5th, are invited to

Swim Team

The Wood River Swim Team is a low intensity swim program designed to provide children with the opportunity to swim competitively. The emphasis of this swim team program is on professional teaching of competitive strokes and competitive skills, providing physical fitness and exposing swimmers to competition. There will be three competitions, the dates of which have not yet been set.

PRACTICE TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
7:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.

Wood River Aquatic Center

The season will begin on June 3rd. If you can't start then, you can start when you are available. If you have conflicts during the summer, but want to swim, we can still accommodate you. This is a fun program, so if you want to have experience in competitive swimming, come join our team.

For more information call Wood River Recreation, 251-3130 or Swim Team Coach, Bob Rettle, 288-6858.

join us as we play games, create unusual arts and crafts projects, go on fieldtrips, and visit the Aquatic Center Water Slide. Each child is asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Pre-Registration is REQUIRED

WHEN: Mon.-Wed.-Fri.

from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. June 17 thru July 26, 1991

FEE: \$30.00 Wood River Residents

(\$28.00 for each additional child)

\$33.00 Non-Residents

(\$31.00 for each additional child)

Tennis Lessons

Youth Tennis Camp will be available for boys and girls 8 years and older. This instructional program will be offered as part of the summer program. For further details, please contact the Recreation Department at 251-3130.

WHERE: High School Tennis Courts

WHEN: Monday, Wednesday & Friday

July 8 thru July 19, 1991

TIME: 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

FEE: \$10.00

Tri-City Youth League

Registration begins on April 1st each year for our Youth League Baseball and Softball programs. FEE for all participants will be \$10.00. Teams wil be put together in May, and league play will begin in June. The following divisions are offered.

Boys:	Age 10 & 11	Minor League
	Age 12 & 13	Major League
	Age 14	Juvenile
	Age 15 & 16	Juvenile II
Girls:	Age 10 & 11	Petite League
	Age 12 & 13	Chic League
	Age 14 & 15	Sophomores

A T-Ball League is offered for boys Age 8 & 9.

All teams will play in the Tri-City Leagues, which is made up of teams from Wood River, Roxana, and East Alton. All games will be played in the evenings.

Instructional league is offered for boys Age 6 & 7, and girls Age 7, 8, and 9. This program will meet every morning for two weeks.

DATE TIME
June 10-21, 1991 9:00-10:30 A.M.

Community Service Award

Community Service Awards are presented jointly by the Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association. They are given at a time selected by the nominating agency within the community in which the recipient or group is active. The Wood River Recreation Department

nominated the Wood River Rotary Club to receive such an award for their outstanding contribution to parks and recreation through their donation of dollars and equipment to sponsor the new ball field at Emerick Sports Complex which has been named Rotary Field.



Jeff Stassi, Parks & Recreation Director, is shown presenting the award to Buddy Viniard, Vice-President of the Wood River Rotary Club.

Aquatic Center

Swim Lessons

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 Red Cross Certification cards. Children must be 6 years of age and 42" in height.

Learn To Swim Program

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All sessions will meet Monday thru Friday. The following classes will run concurrent with the above sessions.

Class Time	
Advanced Beginner 9:00 - 9:45	A.M.
Swimmer 9.00 - 9:45	A.M.
Advanced Beginner 9:50 - 10:35	A.M.
Intermediate 9:50 - 10:35	A.M.
Beginner 9:15 - 9:45	A.M.
Beginner (4 to 6 yr, old) 9:50 - 10:20	A.M.
Beginner (4 to 6 yr. old) 10:30 - 11:00	A.M.

FEE: \$17.00 per session

(Dates & times are subject to change to fit the scheduling needs of the

Mom & Tot

This program is for children two and three years of age. Parent must accompany child in class:

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Aquatic Certification Program

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New City Telephone Numbers

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City Hall	City Garage							
Water Billing/Payment 251-3131	Public Services							
Parks & Recreation 251-3130	Utility Office							
Belk Park Golf Course 251-3115	Police/Nonemergency 251-3113							
Emergency Telephone Numbers								
To report a Fire 254-4301	To call the Police 254-4303							
Water/Sewer break (before 5:00 PM) 251-3133	Water/Sewer break (after 5:00 PM) 254-4303							
Barricades for street flooding	254-4303							



Belk Park Adds Practice Facility

Belk Park Golf Course has added another source of recreation for the avid golfer. Belk has put a new practice range in the area between No. 10 and 18 holes. This range will enable the golfer to practice his game or "warm up" before playing golf. The range will be set up so golfers can hit short irons such as 7, 8 and 9 irons, pitching wedge or sand wedge. The cost of the range will be \$1.00 for 20 range balls. These balls can be purchased in the club house. To use the range, balls must be purchased at Belk Park. The range is scheduled to open this Spring.

Golf Course Looking Towards Future

The past couple of years, Belk Park has put a tremendous amount of effort to make its Golf Course one of the finest in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. With continued support from the City Officials, it may reach its goal as being the "finest". Some of the improvements proposed for this season and next season include the following:

- New sand traps for the front 9 with white sand
- New tee offs for the front 9. These tees will be redone and womens tees will be added.
- New maintenance building to support the needs of our maintenance crew.
- A new Club House is planned for the Fall of 1992. Preliminary work is underway this season.
- Additional cart paths will be done this season. Eventually, we will have paths from tee to green. This season, we plan to hook #2 - #3 - #15 holes together

Along with these projects and the dayto-day maintenance, it looks to be a very busy year for Belk Park Maintenance and Management.

New Businesses in Town

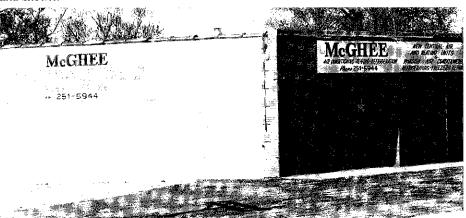
We are always happy to welcome new businesses to our community. This issue recognizes five new businesses that have recently opened their doors.



LACE & MORE, 158 E. Ferguson (next to Calicos & Window Fashions), is owned by Dorothy Breeden. This shop displays an abundance of lace, ribbon, pearls, roses, jointed bears & bunnies. Stop by to see the bunnies dressed in lace and many other craft items.



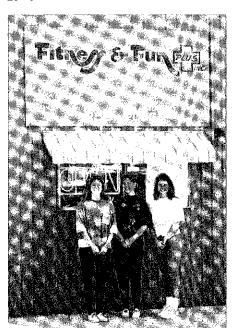
Located at 595 Edwardsville Road is PRO EXHAUST. Owner Ronald Baggett has brightened the appearance at this corner with his new shop, specializing in mufflers, brakes and shocks.



MCGHEE AIR CONDITIONING, HEATING & REFRIGERATION, is located at 732 E. Edwardsville Road. Here you'll find a showroom of different models of heating and airconditioning equipment. Owner Terry McGhee also repairs freezers and refrigerators, in addition to heating and cooling equipment. Used window units will also be available.



INSTALLERS LIMITED provides professional installation for all types of window coverings. Owner Bob Forstner also repairs rods, restrings blinds, builds and covers cornices and headboards. This shop is also located at 158 E. Ferguson. If you are in need of this type of service, call 251-5464.



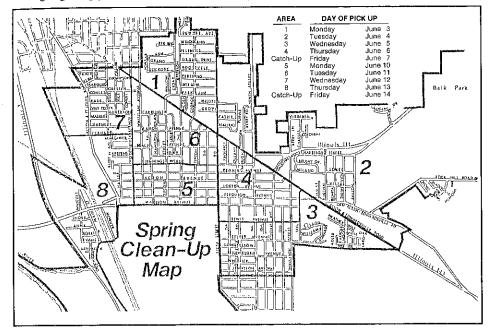
FITNESS & FUN PLUS, 1095A
Edwardsville Road (formerly Crabtree
Corners) offers a wide range of fitness and
fun activities. Classes in exercise, aerobics,
tumbling, tap, ballet, baton, Karate and
modern street dance are available. Owners,
Merri Ranz, Carole Tobin, and Robin
Sullivan invite you to come by and see the
new business.

Spring Cleanup

Spring cleanup time is here again and will be held this year starting Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 14. It is necessary to place your items for pickup IN THE FRONT near the curb. There will be no alley pickup.

There is no better time than the present to begin getting your house, basement, and

garage in shape. Refer to the map for the date the truck will be in your area. If we should fall behind schedule due to bad weather or an overload, we will continue where we left off the next day. Once we have cleaned an area, we will not be able to backtrack to pick up items put out late. The best advice is to put items out at the curb the night before the scheduled pickup day.



T.I.F. Bond Issue

The City is in the process of issuing bonds for the Tax Increment Financing Improvement Program. State laws provide that the tax increment financing district can last for 23 years but unless bonds have been issued, the receipts will be decreased in each of the last 5 years. To avail ourselves of this advantage, bonds will be issued before August for improvements in downtown and other areas of the City. It is planned to completely rebuild Ferguson Avenue from Old St. Louis Road to Second Street, Sidewalks, curbs and gutters and new storm sewers will be installed. Besides greatly enhanced safety and appearance, this work is to relieve the flooding conditions that have plagued Ferguson for years. It is planned to place the electric lines underground between Old St. Louis Road and Second Street, between Madison and Ferguson, a project that will greatly enhance the appearance of the south side of the stores. The downtown parking lots will be finished and land will

be purchased for the upland retention basin.

Assistance will be given to the Wood River Public Library by improving their parking area and improving interior air conditioning and lighting work.

In conjunction with the bond issue, current T.I.F. funds will be used for rehabilitation of downtown structures. Under this program the sum of \$500,000 will be made available to assist property owners in their building rehabilitation.

The purpose of the T.I.F. Program and the reason for this work on downtown streets and buildings is to generate future tax revenues for our community. Wood River, along with many other communities have seen their downtown district take a second place to new outlying commercial development. With this reinvestment in the downtown area, our city's commercial tax base will be enhanced, relieving residential property owners of some future tax increases.

Items that WILL NOT BE PICKED

UP: tires, brush or landscape waste, unopened barrels, batteries, concrete/blocks, liquid waste (paint, oil, etc.) large heavy auto parts or a large quantity of building materials. Lumber will be accepted if it is cut into 4' bundles tied and weighing less than 75 pounds.

Bulky Item Pickup

Beginning in May, the City will start a new service of picking up junk items (furniture, washers, refrigerators, etc.) from the front of houses at the curbside. The cost will be \$15 to be prepaid at City Hall. All pickups will be on Wednesdays only. Due to escalating landfill costs, the fee to use the dumpsters at the 14th Street Garage will be increased substantially. However, you can continue to bring recyclables, leaves, and grass clipping at no cost. Brush and tree limbs will be accepted for a \$5.00 fee.

Curbside Pickup - The amount of items placed out for pickup should be no larger than 3 cubic yards (about the size of a slightly rounded pickup truckload). Our trash collector, Mid-West Sanitation, will not pick up landscape waste, tires, unopened barrels, batteries, heavy auto parts, liquid waste, or concrete/bricks. Lumber will be picked up if tied in 4' bundles, weighing less than 75 pounds. For more information call 251-3122.

Notes From the City Inspector

 KEEP IT SHORT! Just a reminder, Spring is upon us - grass and weeds must be cut when they grow taller than 8 inches. Let's help each other out. We will send you a friendly notice when the old grass grows too tall. You cut it so the City won't have to cut it. When the City cuts your grass for you, it costs you a lot more than when you do.

Remember! Don't let your yard get over 8". Thanks.

2. DON'T BAG IT! If you put your trash out in plastic bags, the dogs and birds will love you. You will also be in violation of City ordinance which requires that trash be placed in tightly covered containers.

Wood River Public Library Becomes "Reading Country"

This is Reading Country - "Exploring Reading Country on the Lewis and Clark Trail." This is the theme of our 1991 summer reading program.

Westward Ho to Reading Country -Travel with us this summer for adventure, exciting programs, games, crafts and activities. Colorful characters from history will guide you on trips through the Great Northwest and into Lewis & Clark Reading Country.

Young adventurers will hit the Reading Trail and earn gold nuggets along the way. Gold nuggets add up to treasures at trail's end. The Gold Rush is on. Young trailblazers will pan for the gold book and receive a special gold nugget.

Meet the old prospector from gold rush country at our kick-off summer reading program Wednesday, May 22, at 3:30 p.m. The old prospector will guide the young readers on their first journey into Reading Country.

Read-to-me Program

The Read-To-Me program, for ages 3-5, will offer crafts, flannel board stories, fingerplays, tell-and-draw stories plus many other activities related to the theme, "This is Reading Country." Program dates are: June 18, 25 and July 2, 9, 16, and 20. Each program starts at 10:30 a.m.

The library offers year-round pre-school programs on the third Saturday of each month starting at 10:30 a.m.

Program dates for grades 1-8 are: June 19, 24, 26 and July 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 24. Each program starts at 10:30 a.m.



EXPLORING READING COUNTRY ON THE



All programs of the library are free of charge and open to the public. More information may be obtained by calling the library at 254-4832.

ROUND UP THE BEST BOOKS
IN TOWN AT THE
WOOD RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Library Hours Mon.-Fri. 10 am-8 pm
Sat. 10 am-5 pm

OPEN NEW FRONTIERS - READ

Council Corner

What does T.I.F. really mean to the citizens of Wood River? I've been asked this question many times.

It means our sales tax dollar staying right here in the city and working for us. By establishing T.I.F. we were able to bring Wal-Mart into town.

Now it is going to help us give our downtown a shot in the arm. We want to bring new streets, sidewalks and better lighting to the downtown area so our citizens will be able to come downtown and enjoy that old time atmosphere.

T.I.F. cannot help all of the city, because it has boundaries, but as we can improve the area where T.I.F. can work for us, it will help the rest of our city grow, just like Lincoln Addition getting the new drainage, street, curbs, and water main this year.

I've recently had the pleasure of setting up a committee of city officials and downtown merchants to discuss and prioritize the needs in our downtown area. We have been meeting every other Thursday and are now finalizing a revitalization plan that will be possible through T.I.F.

Your tax dollar is staying home and working hard for you.

Sincerely,

Anna Culp Councilwoman

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Wood River Public Library announces that the "library of the future" has arrived for the citizens of Wood River. Readers who have a microcomputer and telephone modem no longer need to leave their home to find out what books are available through the Library. Your library is distributing bookmarks with detailed information on how to search the automated database (today's card catalog) directly from your home or office.

The constantly growing database of over 517,000 items is created by the 15 current members of the CLASS

(Cooperating Libraries for Automated System Services) consortium. Searching from home will be the same as it is at the PAC (Public Access) terminal in the library. Items may be searched by author, title, subject or call number.

Citizens who wish to dial into the automated system will have fifteen minutes to search the catalog. After fifteen minutes, the computer will "log off." This allows a greater number of people to search the computer. The only cost is that of a telephone call to the central site, located in Edwardsville. Library users who find an

item they would like to borrow, may pick it up or request it through the Library. Happy Searching!

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