



City of
**WOOD
RIVER**

PIPELINE

December, 1991

Merry
Christmas

Greg Emerick
Mayor

Scott Huran

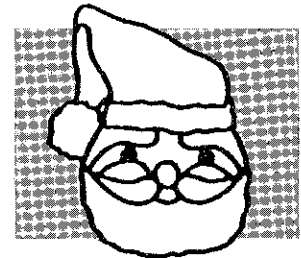
Dan Robin

Anna M. Culp

Arthur V. Stoebe

Calls and Letters From Santa

The enclosed insert explains how you can have Santa write or call your children. Please fill it out and return it to the Recreation Department before December 13, 1991.



Breakfast With Santa

Once again, the Parks & Recreation Department will be sponsoring **Breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus**, to be held on December 14 from 8:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M. at the Roundhouse. *Children's breakfast* includes 2 pancakes, 2 sausage links and milk or juice. *Adult breakfast* includes 3 pancakes, 3 sausage links and coffee, milk or juice for \$2.00. Children will be able to have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus for \$2.00. Reservations will not be taken.

"Bright Lights on Christmas Nights" 3rd Annual Event

Wood River residents - show us your bright lights this holiday season. The Mayor and City Council will be looking for your **CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**.

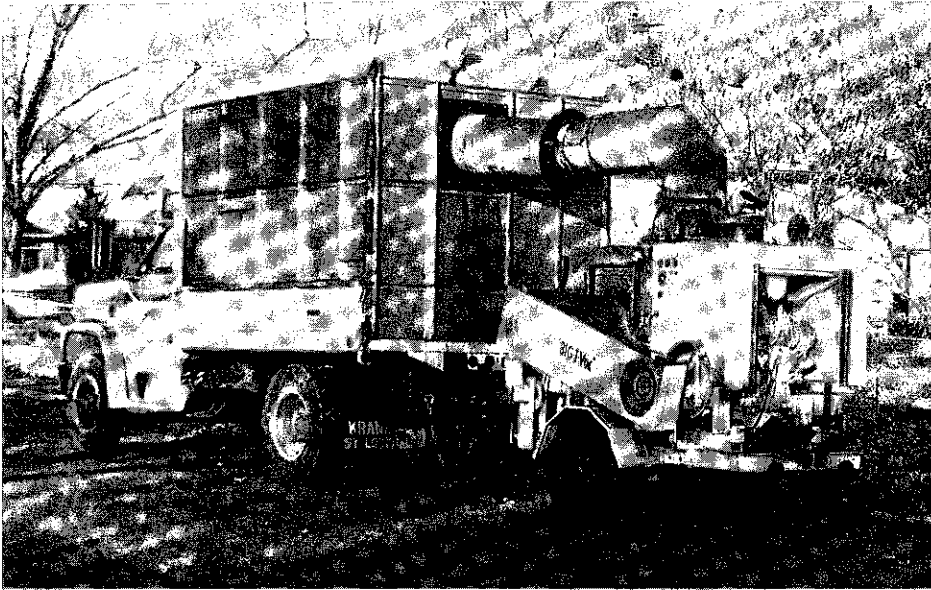
A Christmas Spirit Committee will be touring the City between December 13-19, looking for original, colorful, and creative Christmas expressions.

A special Christmas Spirit Award will be given to those with "special" outdoor decorations. Get in the Christmas spirit, show us your "BRIGHT LIGHTS"!



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Leaf Pickup Expected To Pick Up



A grant in the amount of \$23,554.50 from the County has enabled the City of Wood River to purchase a new leaf vacuum. This amount represents 75% of the cost of the vacuum. The new equipment (pictured above) is a Tarco Big-T Vac and replaces the old 1973 model which was traded in to further reduce the cost to the city. In addition, the old sweeper truck was converted to a leaf box

truck to provide additional leaf collection assistance.

Purchase of this equipment should enable the City to continue providing residents this service for several years to come.

Unfortunately, an early snowfall and rainy weather interfered with leaf pickup the first two weeks of November; and as a result, crews fell behind schedule.



Hall of Fame

Rita Carter began working for the City of Wood River as a Police Dispatcher on October 31, 1966. This year marks her 25th Anniversary with the City.

Rita is the individual who answers phone calls, handles complaints, listens for alarms, and coordinates police officers to respond to all activity. She makes this frantic task look so simple. With all her years of experience, she is often able to recognize a voice before being told who it is. When asked what she has enjoyed the most about her job, she replied, "It would have to be meeting many people and making a lot of friends."

Playing (and winning) at B-I-N-G-O is Rita's greatest enjoyment. She has traveled as far as Indiana, Kentucky, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Iowa to participate in Bingo games. Her highest winning, \$1,500.00, was enough to keep her coming back. She now plays on the average of twice a week.

Congratulations to Rita on her 25th Anniversary.

Bulk Item Pick-up

Do you know you can have bulky items picked up at the curb in front of your home? Yes, you can, any week! In a program started last June, the City refuse contractor will pick up unwanted items for a \$15 service charge.

The amount is limited to 3 cubic yards (about the size of a refrigerator or couch). Service is to be arranged at City Hall by paying the \$15 fee and getting the pick-up scheduled for the next Wednesday. For more information on this, you may call 251-3122.



Wood River's 10th Annual Halloween Parade was well attended even with the rainy weather. The streets were lined with parents and children enjoying floats, bands, and candy.

The Wood River Fire Department spearheaded the parade, with Firefighter Dana Emerick serving as Chairman.

Community leader Richard Bell was honored by being designated the Grand Marshal of the parade.

Introducing . . .



Tim Gallion

The newest member of the Wood River Police Department is Tim Gallion. He became a probationary patrolman on June 29, 1991. Tim came to Wood River from Minneapolis, MN, and served as a Police Officer in Portage, Wisconsin. He earned an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement at Normandale Community College, graduating with honors.

Tim and his wife, Marnie, are looking forward to the birth of their first baby in the near future. When asked about his favorite hobbies, Tim said he is fascinated by computers and enjoys working on his own computer at home.



Mark Little

Mark Little - the newest full-time employee in the Public Services Department - was hired on July 22, 1991 as a Serviceman III in the Water Distribution Division. Mark is a 1984 graduate of East Alton-Wood River High School and has attended SIUE.

In the summer of 1988, Mark began working part time at the golf course and in the grounds maintenance department before transferring to the Street Division in 1990.

Currently, Mark is learning the duties required of a water serviceman. They include reading meters, running service orders, repairing main breaks, and assisting in all phases of distribution maintenance. He is also learning the water treatment process and will attend the Environmental Resources Training Center at SIUE to obtain the first of four classifications for a Public Water Supply Operator's license.



Kelly Perkins

Anyone visiting the Roundhouse lately has probably noticed the friendly smile and unique laugh of Kelly Perkins, the new Administrative Secretary for the Parks & Recreation Department. Kelly handles all the clerical duties, phone calls, registrations for programs, etc.

Kelly lives in Wood River with her husband, Juddson, and children Joshua, 7, and Samantha, 5. In her "spare time," she enjoys volleyball and softball. Her favorite past-time is horseback riding, but unfortunately, she doesn't get to go too often. As a family, they enjoy fishing.



Ron Mitchell

Ron Mitchell was hired in August for the position of Greenskeeper Technician at Belk Park Golf Course. His responsibilities include supervising and participating in construction and maintenance of golf course tees, greens, fairways, and roughs.

Ron's experience speaks for itself. He was the Assistant Superintendent at Locust Hills Golf Course for 6 years in Lebanon, Ill., and was in construction management prior to coming to Belk Park. Ron has a B.S. Degree in Industrial Technology, with a minor in Management from Southeast Missouri State. He is presently attending Belleville Area College, pursuing a degree in Turf Management.

Ron and his wife, Joani, have made a hobby out of rehabbing a 70-year-old bungalow. After working on this project for two years, they are starting to feel the gratification of their accomplishment. He also enjoys playing golf when he finds the time.

A TRIBUTE TO SERVICE

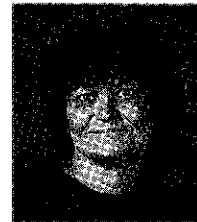
A special thank you to the following City employees who are recognized for their service anniversary during 1991.

25 Year Anniversary



Rita Carter
Police Radio Operator

15 Year Anniversary



Connie Holbert
Golf Course
Clubhouse Manager

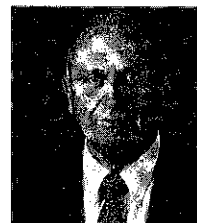


Marsha Yarnell
Administrative Clerk
Public Services



Jean Bruce
City Clerk

10 Year Anniversary



Delmar Gusewelle
Golf Course Mechanic

Those not pictured are Steve Lakin (25 years); Joe Graziana and Sue Spencer (20 years); Leonard Proffer (15 years); Bill Webber, Jim Schneider, Kay Lorraine, and Bob Brown (10 years).

PARKS & RECREATION



Youth Wrestling

A Youth Wrestling Program will be starting on December 10th, under the instruction of Coach Paul Brazier, for anyone in grades 3 thru 8. There will be two divisions offered: competitive, \$27.00 and non-competitive, \$15.00. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 P.M. Tuesday practices will be held at Roxana High School and Thursday practices will be held at East Alton-Wood River High School. The deadline for registration will be Friday, December 6. Interested persons may register at Wood River Recreation (Roundhouse), East Alton Recreation (Keasler Building) or Roxana Recreation (Rox-Arena).

Ice Skating

Once the ice is ready, we will be having chaperoned ice skating to anyone wishing to bring their skates to Helmkamp Lake, located at the intersection of Route 3 and Route 143. We will post a sign advising of safe skating conditions. Our designated times for skating are Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Thursday evenings from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Hidden Valley Ski Trip

Our annual Hidden Valley Ski Trip is scheduled for Saturday, January 25. Departure time will be 6:45 A.M. and returning time will be approximately 3:30 P.M. There will be doughnuts, milk and coffee served at the Roundhouse prior to departure. The cost of this event will be \$40.00 per person. This includes bus transportation, snow pass, rental equipment and a lesson. Actual ski time will be from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.



Monthly Roundhouse Activities Held On a Regular Basis:

Aerobics

We have an evening aerobic class offered on Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 P.M., instructed by Teresa Arview Mize. This class starts with warm-ups on the mats, (which are provided) and progresses into sit-ups, leg-lifts, etc. The last half-hour is spent doing aerobic routines. Each eight week session is \$26.00.

Gymnastics

Cyndi Brokaw and Kris Brokaw are the instructors for our gymnastics classes held on Saturdays. Session III will be starting January 4th and running through February 1st. Registration will be held on January 2nd from 5-7 P.M. at the Roundhouse. The class is offered in five groups: Pre-school from 9-9:30 A.M. for \$10.00, Beginners from 9:30-10:30 A.M. for \$18.00, Advanced Beginners from 10:30-12:00 for \$21.00, Intermediates from 12:00-2:00 P.M. for \$21.00 and Team (invitation only) from 2:00-4:00 P.M. for \$26.00

Ladies Exercise Class

Merrill Fromme instructs our Ladies Exercise Class held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9-10 A.M. Classes are offered in five week sessions at a fee of \$27.00. Exercises include

stretching, toning and calisthenics worked into a routine of modern music. Come and work off those extra calories you'll be putting on during the holidays.

Rules of The Road Course

The Secretary of State's office works with the Recreation Department in offering a "Rules of the Road" review course which is geared towards Senior Citizens, although others may attend. Anyone who is facing a written driver's license examination can obtain free instruction by taking this course. This class will be offered on December 10th from 9-11 A.M. During 1992, it will be held on Feb. 11, Apr. 14, June 9, Aug. 11, Oct. 13 and Dec. 8 from 9-11 A.M. No registration is necessary. Just come on in and have a seat.

Senior Adult Program 55+

All residents age 55 and over are invited to join in fun activities for an annual fee of \$5.00. Meetings are held at 10 A.M. on the second Thursday of every month. Lunch is provided for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. On the other months, a meat will be provided and you are asked to bring a covered dish. Lunch is usually followed by Bingo or some type of entertainment.

Upcoming Events:

The following events will be taking place between January and April. Be on the lookout for future information.

Night at Fairmount - In April a bus full of horse racing enthusiasts will be leaving Wood River and traveling to Collinsville for a night filled with excitement. Don't miss out!!!

Easter Egg Hunt - Another April event will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt offered to Wood River residents under the age of 12. This is held at Belk Park at the top of Rock Hill Road. The Easter Bunny will be there to hand out candy to all children after the hunt. Special prizes donated by City Merchants will be given to children finding special eggs. Don't forget your camera.

Anyone interested in any of the above programs may contact the Roundhouse during regular business hours. Monday thru Friday from 8:00 A.M. to Noon and 1:00-5:00 P.M.; 251-3130.

Everyone at the
Parks and Recreation Department want
to wish you and
your family a very

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

New City Residents Through Annexation

The City of Wood River took a big step this September when the City Council voted to annex the Tillie Gusewelle



Don't Throw Away Those Labels!!

The Wood River Public Library will participate again this year in the Campbell's Labels for Education program. This project allows schools and public libraries to obtain books and/or equipment in exchange for product labels. The Library has used labels in the past to obtain children's videocassettes, software and books.

The library would greatly appreciate your help in saving labels from the following products:

Campbell's Condensed Soups (red & white label), Campbell's Chunky Soups, Campbell's "Soup for One" soups, Campbell's Low Sodium soups, Campbell's Gold Label Soups, Campbell's Home Cookin' soups, Campbell's Healthy Request soups, Campbell's Beans Products, Campbell's Tomato Juice, "V-8" Vegetable Juices, Franco-American Products, Swanson Canned Food Products, Prego Spaghetti Sauces, and Campbell's Fresh Products.

Please save the lids from Vlasic Pickle Products, safety seals from Marie's Salad Dressings, and the proof of purchase seals from Swanson Frozen Food packages. Save the UPC panels from all Pepperidge Farm Products, and the bottom flap UPC panels from Campbell's Quality Soup and Recipe Mix. Save the "Quality Pledge" panels found on all Mrs. Paul's Frozen Food packages. Labels may be dropped off inside the Library or dropped into the outdoor book return when the library is closed.

property south of the Belk Park Golf Course on Rock Hill Road. The Gusewelle family owns 120 acres but state they have no immediate plans for development. When the property is developed, it will be subject to all city building and zoning regulations.

The Gusewelles, who had fire protection and police service as their primary interest in petitioning for annexation, were invited to have their picture taken in the Council Chambers after the annexation vote. Mayor Leroy Emerick surprised the Gusewelles by uncovering a fire hydrant to be in the picture with them. A commemorative plaque was presented to Mrs. Gusewelle. A nameplate will go on the hydrant placed

near their farm home. (see photo)

The Connie and Jerry Holbert property on Rock Hill Road was also annexed, as was a 70-acre tract immediately south of Gusewelle's, owned by Richard Bell. This property, which adjoins Kendall Hills, will be part of Kendall Estates. The original Kendall Estates is still under consideration for annexation, with a number of property owners interested in joining Wood River.

City Council members have spoken up for annexation. Currently, the City limits include very little undeveloped land. Many residents wanting to build new homes have left Wood River. New developments can contribute to the tax base and pay their fair share of community service.

Wood River Public Library

Christmas Programs

Grades 1-8

Wednesday, December 11, 1991,
3:30 P.M.

Join us for the film "Frosty the Snowman." Create your own holiday craft to take home - Christmas wreaths.

Preschool

Saturday, December 21, 1991, 10:30 a.m.

The film "Mole and the Christmas Tree" will be shown plus the flannel board story,

"The Christmas Star" and other related activities centered around the theme, Christmas.

Special Treat - A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!

All programs of the library are free of charge and open to the public.

Library Hours:

Mon. - Fri.	10 A.M.-8 P.M.
Sat.	10 A.M.-5 P.M.

Library Benefits From Cable TV

We are delighted to announce that TCI of Illinois, Inc. and the Arts & Entertainment Channel are contributing a VCR with monitor, books, and video programs to Wood River Public Library through the A&E National Cable Television Library Project. The purpose of the project is simply to further the interest of the cable industries commitment to education.

The video programs are expected to arrive with public performance rights. This means that in addition to home use, they can be viewed in classrooms or at public gatherings. The Library looks forward to receiving the following programs:

Long Day's Journey Into Night

Eugene O'Neill's autobiographical masterpiece tells the fiery tale of a family's desperate struggle to hang on to love.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Shakespeare's mystical forest fantasy has

become the world's favorite comedy of romance and enchantment.

Jane Eyre

Charlotte Bronte's timeless classic of romance tells the story of a shy orphan girl, sent to the imposing Thornfield Hall to be governess to the ward of a mystery man.

Red Dynasty: Sons of the Revolution

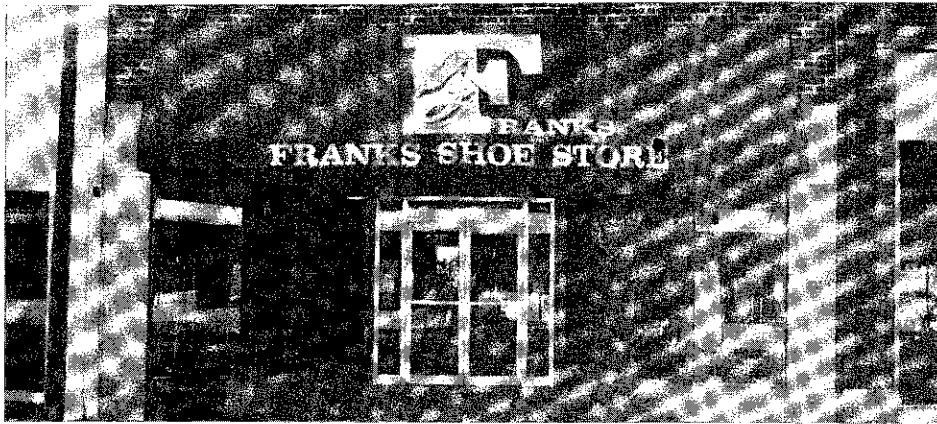
Looks back on the years of Mao Tse-Tung through the eyes of four people caught up in the founding of a Red Dynasty.

The Road to War (two episodes)

The series reflects the way in which different countries and statesmen have their own view of events in the 1920s and 1930s.

The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright

This biography chronicles the life of America's greatest architect, who defied the critics and revolutionized architecture.



Your T.I.F. Dollars at Work

Our Mayor and our City Council are taking strides to improve the appearance and Tax Base of our City. They have directed the City Manager and his staff to give our Downtown Wood River a true shot in the arm. Come watch it grow! Visit the merchants and see how they too are growing by beautifying the front of the buildings as well as the interior.

The following merchants have already taken advantage of a very aggressive assistance program designed and instituted by our Mayor and City Council.

Leonard Berg - Law Offices
 Gordon Hill - Vaughn Home Health Care
 D. Shaw & S. Gibbs - My House Wallpaper
 Tim Cleary - Frank's Shoe Store
 Wood River Eagles
 Norman Fry - Fryco Rental Co.
 Ron Snyder - Ron Snyder, Inc.
 Lee Realty - City Furniture
 Don Donohoo - Donzo's

And, if that's not enough...

We beat the snow, so our books will stay dry this year. Your T.I.F. dollars were

able to assist the Library by installing a brand new roof. Now, "Candace and Crew" no longer have to wear rain caps on those bad Winter days. A second T.I.F. Library project will be new air conditioning, to be completed before next summer.

The first big city project, coming this Spring, is the new Parking Lot between First and Second Streets on Madison Ave. As the snow clears, drive by and catch the parking lot become both serviceable to cars and attractive to the citizens.



A new look for Frank's Shoe Store who took advantage of the TIF Program (front and back of building).

House Numbers A Must
 All City residences must comply with an ordinance that requires houses and businesses to have numbers visible on the outside of the structure for each address identification. The minimum size of the numbers is 2 1/2".
 If your number's not up, you could face a fine.
 Addressing throughout the county became necessary for the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system, which will go into effect early next year. Emergency vehicles need to easily find a house.



Mayor Emerick is pictured signing a proclamation for "Shrine Day" in Wood River. Standing left to right are G.E. McCoy, Orvin Dieckmann and Walter Lengacher (Paper Chairman).

Holiday Reminders...

from the Wood River Police Department

1. Park your vehicle at well-lit locations, lock it, and pocket the keys.
2. Place all packages in the trunk of your vehicle, out of sight.
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 TV on, and be sure to lock all doors.

If you plan to be out of town for the holidays, contact the Police Department at 251-3113, and we will make arrangements for special surveillance while you're away.

**BUCKLE UP
 &
 DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**

New City Telephone Numbers

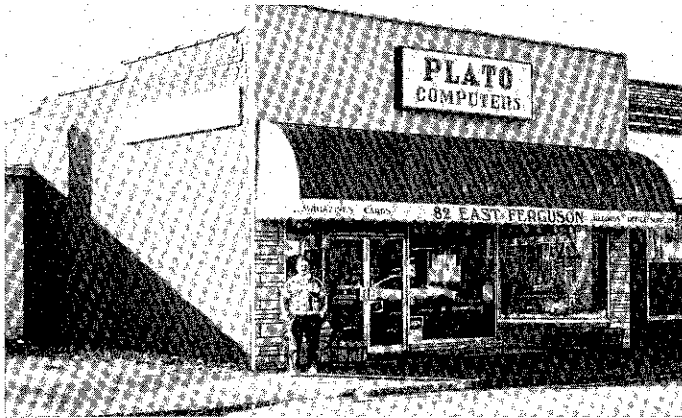
City Hall	251-3100	City Garage	251-3120
Water Billing/Payment	251-3131	Public Services	251-3122
Parks & Recreation	251-3130	Utility Office	251-3133
Belk Park Golf Course	251-3115	Police/Nonemergency	251-3113

Emergency Telephone Numbers

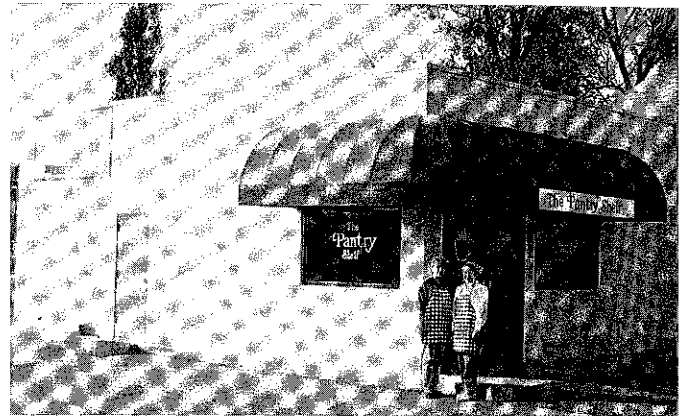
To report a Fire	254-4301	To call the Police	254-4303
Water/Sewer break (before 5:00 PM)	251-3133	Water/Sewer break (after 5:00 PM)	254-4303
Barricades for street flooding	254-4303		

New Business In Town

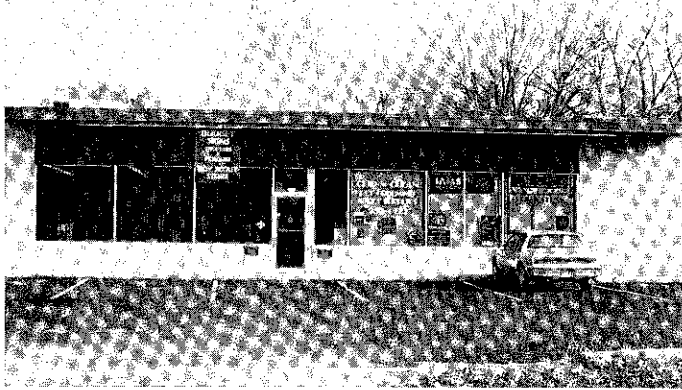
We are always happy to welcome new businesses to our community. This issue recognizes five new businesses that have recently opened their doors.



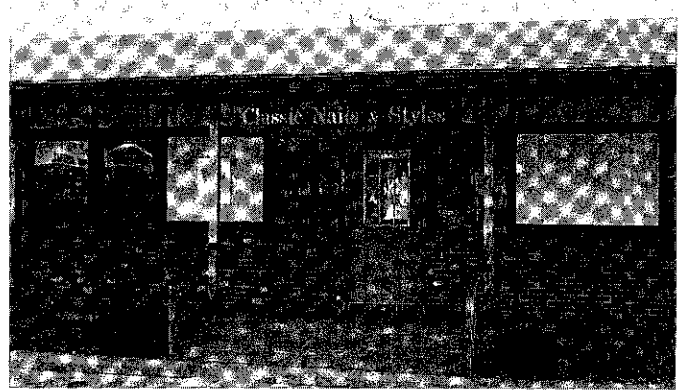
A new home for PLATO COMPUTERS - One of the area's fastest growing companies has moved across the street to a new and larger location at 82 E. Ferguson (former Trattler building). Plato offers discount pricing on top quality product lines and service on nearly all makes of personal computers.



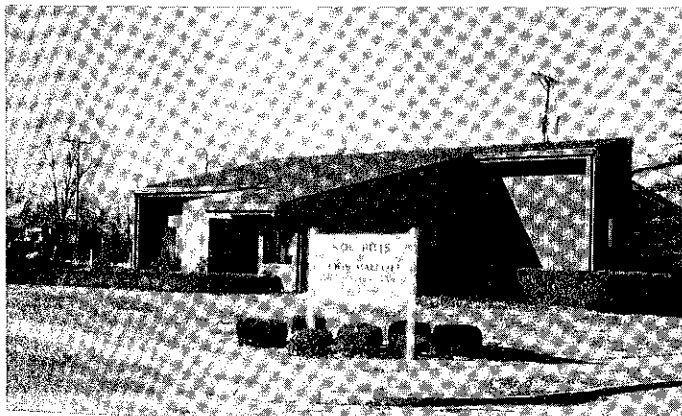
PANTRY SHELF BAKE SHOP, 9th & Edwardsville Road. You'll enjoy fresh baked muffins of various flavors by Pat Capstick, owner of Pantry Shelf. She would be happy to help with your Christmas baking, whether it be cookies, pies, or muffins. Stop by and check out the cholesterol-free goodies.



BUDGET SIGNS & CLIP-N-CLEAN DOG GROOMING SERVICE, Dan and Geri Jones have relocated Budget Signs to 333 E. Edwardsville Road. They are proud of their new facility and have lots of signs, plaques, trophies, scout equipment, etc. on display. Their neighbors, Bill and Mary Coleman, owners of Clip-N-Clean will help you with your dog-grooming needs.



CLASSIC NAILS & STYLES, owned by Lois Lamere, has recently opened at 933 Edwardsville Road, which consists of sculptured nails and a beauty salon. Lois is also operating "HAPPELS" (formerly Odie's) also located in the Pinetree Shopping Center.



ROD PITT & LEWIS MALLOTT have recently opened a new law firm in Wood River at 200 N. Wood River Avenue (formerly the Robert F. Quinn building).



CUSTOM TIRE & WHEEL, just recently opened at 100 Edwardsville Road, formerly Greiner's Tire.

Lincoln Addition Improvements

All 152 residences in Lincoln Addition should be connected to the new water mains by the time this article goes to press. Residents should be enjoying increased water pressure and will have improved fire protection with the installation of new hydrants.

This project has been funded by a Federal Community Development Grant of \$357,000 administered by Madison County. Progress thus far has been limited to improvements in the water system due to needed relocation of other utility systems. Bland Construction has completed the installation of 7700 linear feet of 4" water main and 6500 linear feet of 6" main. The looping of water lines not only increases water pressure but also will improve fire protection with the addition of 10 new hydrants. Hillview Street will have the same benefits with a new 6 inch main and a fire hydrant on the north end of the street.

Weather permitting, Thiems Construction will install stormwater drainage and curb and gutter on George Street, from Park Lane to Summit.

Completion of the project is scheduled for the first of the year. However, availability of materials could result in a Spring completion.

A SPECIAL THANKS to all the residents for their cooperation during construction.

Sidewalk Rehabilitation

Wood River residents are invited to participate in our sidewalk rehabilitation program. In this program, the City pays one-half and the resident pays half. The cost to the resident has been about \$6.87 per running foot (one foot long and four feet wide). For a 50' lot, if the whole sidewalk needed replacement, the resident's cost would be about \$343.

While cold weather will hold up any concrete work until next Spring, now is a good time to contact Public Services to let them know you want to get scheduled for next year.

Council Corner

New Proposed Golf Course "Club House"

The City Fathers have been listening to opportunity knocking on its door for some time now, but it wasn't till just recently that we decided to open the door of opportunity and listen to its views.

The opportunity that I am referring to is the "Proposed Club House" at Belk Park Golf Course.

We felt the first step in undertaking such a project was to organize a committee that would give its views and suggestions. Views such as: what facilities will be most needed in the building - for example: snack bar, men and women's restrooms and locker rooms, pro shop, lounge, office and storage space, basement or second level-handicap services. Last, but not least, is "How much should be spent on such a project?"

Fifteen Wood River residents were selected by five Councilmembers to sit on this committee. The committee's views and recommendations are then fed back to the City Council for the highest consideration.

At this time, I and all of the City

Fathers would like to thank each and all of the 15 members that make this committee. These generous people who give of their free time to undertake such a task, we thank you!

The Belk Park Golf Course is the most profitable recreational facility that the City has. Not only is it "self-supporting," but it also helps finance other city recreational facilities that are not as profitable.

Our golf course was rated the #2 public course in the Greater St. Louis Area!!

A golf course that merits such a status, warrants an equally prestigious facility for serving its patrons. This new and larger club house will continue to accommodate golfers, which in turn will generate considerable revenue for the City.

Because the golf course is self-supporting, all of the money needed to complete this project, will come from the Golf Course Fund and will not be paid by the taxing residents of Wood River.

This new project will also stimulate revenue into our area's building trades by utilizing its many different crafts in its construction.

I hope the residents of Wood River will keep an open mind to this new project and give us their blessing. While Belk Park Golf Course may not be "The Goose that Lays the Golden Egg" for Wood River, it has been profitable and gained us untold favorable publicity and can continue to do that.

Councilman Tony Stassi

State Champions



Mayor Emerick presented a resolution of tribute to Illinois State Doubles Tennis Champion twins and Wood River residents, Amy and Sarah Hazen and Coach Sue Smith during a recent Council meeting.