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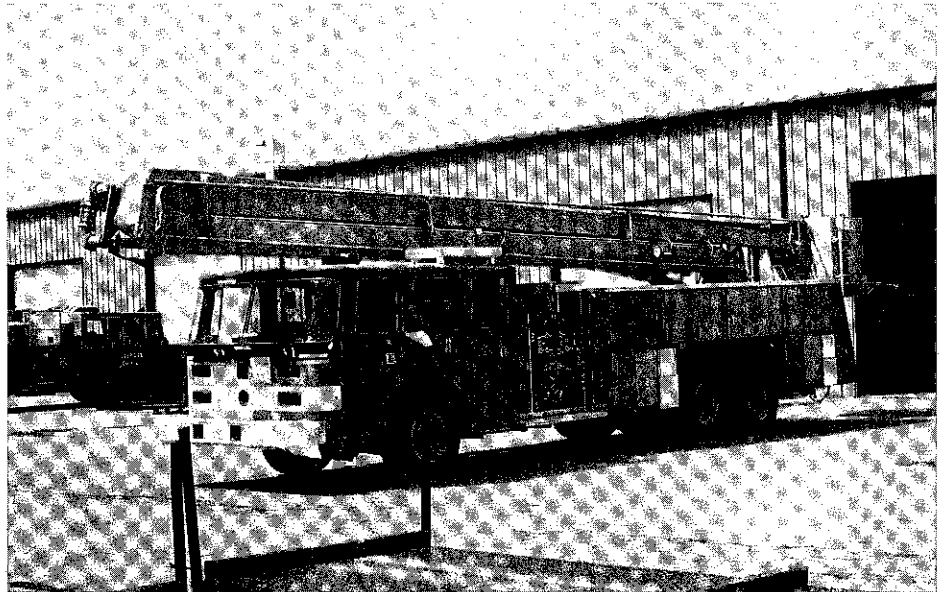
Protection Now and For the Future

by Chief Williams

High rise, low rise, taxpayer, target hazard, special hazard, multiple exposures, conflagration threat these terms sound foreign to the average citizen. To a fire service professional, however, their meaning is all too clear. Each term represents a building or business that exhibits the possibility for a large loss of life or property and thus is a priority.

Wood River's newest heavy duty tool to protect these and other types of buildings is due to arrive the first week in June. Snorkel 1., as she's already been named by the department, is the 85 foot, articulating boom, Aerial Device as pictured. At this point, she's not very attractive. The picture was taken at the Pierce Manufacturing plant during the engineering inspection, and a considerable amount of work and testing is required for the finished product.

Obviously, the department is anxious to bring her home. But, as Snorkel 1. is already a product of five years work, a few more weeks doesn't seem that long. Yes, I did say five years. Since 1987 the department has worked toward an apparatus that would maximize our



firefighting capabilities for those large commercial type buildings we have now and those that may be built in the future. In 1989 six firefighters and the Chief set about the task of finding the right type of Aerial device for Wood River. After hundreds of manhours in meetings and volumes of research, Lt. Steve Alexander then spent the next six months writing detailed specifications for that piece of equipment. In October of 1990 the Council gave permission for bids to be sent out and in January negotiations began with the low bidder. The actual designing and building of the truck took an additional ten months. (Five years three months from beginning to end.)

Certainly, no one fire apparatus is built to handle every situation and neither will Snorkel 1. There are as many different designs as there are cities. The committee, however, will tell you that she was designed to meet a majority of the needs

for Wood River today and to assure that future growth is not impeded.
Committee Members:
Lt. Steve Alexander FF Jeff Norton
FF. Tom Amburg POC Dave Determan
FF. Ralph Hall POC Pat Cleary
Chief Guy Williams

New at Your Library:

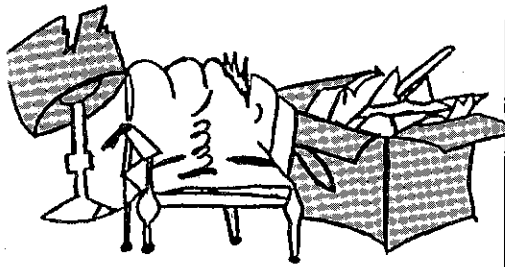
Where There's a Will There's an A
"How to Get Better Grades in
Grade School" and "How to Get
Better Grades in High School"

If you've been asking about either of these video study programs, they've finally arrived in Wood River! If you're hoping to help your child improve study skills, or simply wish to preview the program before intended purchase, check it out at your library.

Are You Registered to Vote?

Many times, as election day draws near, well-meaning citizens finally stop by to register to vote...only to find out it's too late to register and vote in that election! If you're not registered, stop by early to avoid the rush. Voting is your right and a way for your voice to be heard. Register Now!

Wood River Public Library
Wood River City Hall



Spring Clean-Up

June 1-12, 1992

A truck will be in your area to pick-up trash, junk, household items, etc., on the dates shown below. **(Place All Items For Pick-up At The Curb The Day Before Pick-up Day — No Alley Pick-ups).**

Monday - June 1 Area 1
North of Edwardsville Road and west of Sixth Street.

Tuesday - June 2 Area 2
East of Sixth Street and North of Edwardsville Road (including Ivy Heights & Vaughn Hills).

Wednesday - June 3 Area 3
South of Lewis, East of Sixth Street (including Rockwood Village).

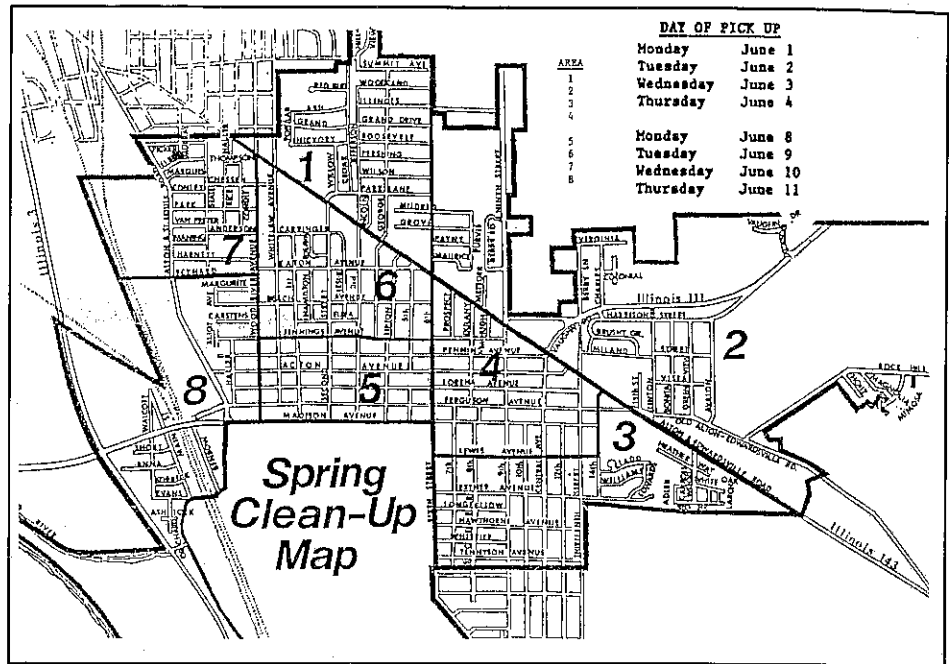
Thursday - June 4 Area 4
North of Lewis to Edwardsville Road between Sixth Street & 14th Street.

Monday - June 8 Area 5
East of Wood River Avenue to Sixth St., north of Madison to Jennings.

Tuesday - June 9 Area 6
North of Jennings to Edwardsville Road between east of Wood River Ave. to 6th St.

Wednesday - June 10 Area 7
North of Eckhard Avenue and west of Wood River Avenue

Thursday - June 11 Area 8
South of Eckhard and west of Wood River Avenue (including all area west of railroad tracks).



NOTE: Items that **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP** are 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.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Notice! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

New Hours for Recycling Center and Dumpsters

Due to budget restrictions, the recycling drop-off center, the dumpsters for bulky items, and the brush dump will operate on a reduced schedule, beginning June 1. Also, a new entrance is being planned to aid in a smoother and safer operation. When construction is complete, signs will indicate traffic flow.

Effective June 1, the new hours are:

- Dates Open: Monday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

Closed: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

The Recycling Center and Dumpster is for Wood River residents only. The recycling center accepts: aluminum, glass bottles and jars, plastic milk jugs only, and tin cans.

There is no charge to dump grass and leaves, but dumping brush will cost \$5 a load. The charge to dump junk items remains the same:

- \$5 - for a single item
- \$10 - loaded to the top of pickup truck bed
- \$20 - loaded to the top of pickup cab
- \$35 - loaded over the top of pickup cab

Wood chips are available for \$5 per pickup truck load or \$1 for bushel basket or equivalent.

Remember, curb side pick-up is available for a \$15.00 fee.

Call the Public Services Department at 251-3122 for more information.

Wood River Services Directory

City Hall 251-3100

- Mayor's Office
- City Manager's Office
- City Clerk's Office
- Voters Registration
- City Licenses
- Notary Service
- General Complaints
- Handicap Parking Cards
- Garage Sale Permits

Building & Zoning 251-3100

- Economic/Community Development Director
- Building & Zoning Administrator
- General Inspector
- Abandoned (junked) cars (private property)
- Building Inspections
- Complaints - litter, weeds, debris, etc.
- Permits - (bldg., fence, electrical, signs, swimming pools, demolitions)
- Zoning variances

Belk Park Golf Course 251-3115

- Picnic Shelter Reservations
- Tee Reservations
- Schedule Tournaments

Finance/Water Office 251-3131

- Water, sewer & refuse service/billing
- Dog & Cat Licenses
- Curbside Pick-up (large items)
- Treasurer

Public Service Department ... 251-3122

- Street, Alley, Sidewalk repairs
- Brush/Limb pick-up
- Dumpsters & Recyclables
- Water & Sewer Problems
- EMERGENCY & after hours 254-4303

County Clerk/Edwardsville ... 692-6290

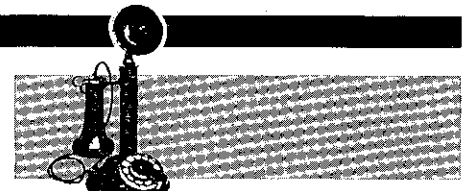
- Birth/Death Certificates
- Voter Registration

Fire Department

- Emergency 254-4301
- Chief's Office 259-0991
- Non-emergency number ... 259-0984
- Electrical inspection
- Home safety survey
- Smoke detector installation

Library 254-4832

- Notary Service
- Photocopies, Fax Machine
- Use of Typewriters & Apple Computer
- Voter Registration



Parks & Recreation 251-3130

- Recreation Programs
- Roundhouse Rec Center
- Aquatic Center (pool) 251-3110

Police Department

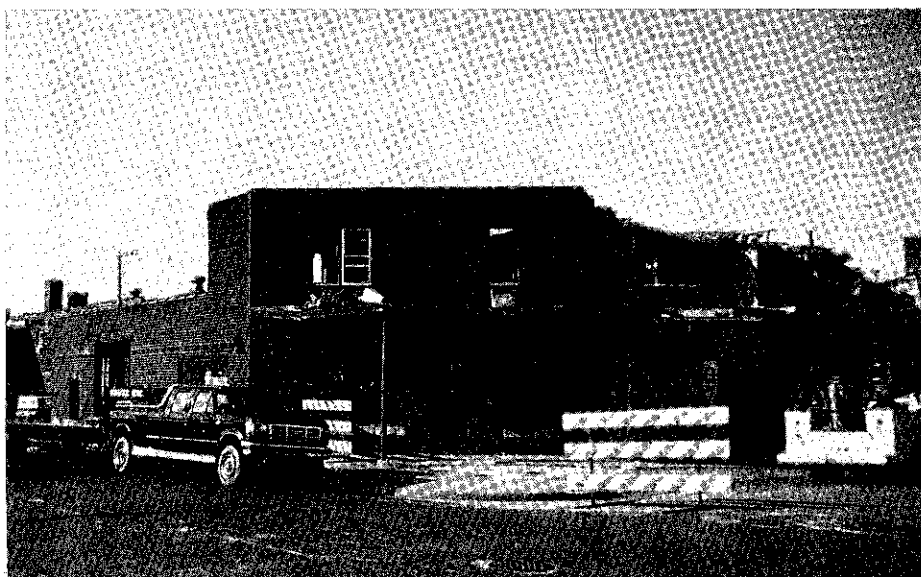
- Emergency 254-4303
- Abandoned Cars (on street) 251-3113
- Animal Control 251-3113
- Police Records 251-3111
- Vacation Checks 251-3113

Circuit Court 254-4018

- Wood River Division
- Traffic Tickets
- Small Claims Court
- Court Appearances

Wood River Township

- Township Clerk 259-7260
- Supervisor 259-2366
- Marriage Licenses 259-7260
- Property Tax 259-1532
- Highway Commissioner ... 259-2490
- General Assistance 259-2366



Your T.I.F. Dollars at Work

A major improvement in the downtown area, funded with TIF dollars, was the demolition of 90 Whitelaw (pictured above). An asphalt surface will be built soon after the base settles.

The next project about to begin is the construction of a new parking lot on Madison Avenue, between 1st and 2nd Street. Bids will be awarded in the very near future.

You'll soon see new storm sewers, new street and sidewalks, and decorative lights on Ferguson Avenue.



After 30 years, Mickey Hall has had her "last day in court". Mickey retired April 15 as Supervisor of the Circuit Court Office located in Wood River City Hall. She spent her entire career in the Wood River court working with 21 different judges over the years.

Mickey and her husband, Bob, who is an inspector for the City, enjoy eating out, bowling, and boating in the summer. They are parents of a son, Jerry, and have two granddaughters, Emily and Allison, who are all members of St. John's United Church of Christ and all sing in the church choir.

We wish Mickey the best. We will miss her friendly face at City Hall.

Summer Reading Programs at the Wood River Public Library

Children at the Wood River Public Library will explore the world around them through books and interesting and exciting programs this summer.

DISCOVER! READ! is the theme of the children's summer adventure into nature, the environment and stars of the universe.

Children of the community are invited to join us for a venture into reading, games, crafts, programs, fun and activities.

A highlight of the summer program will be the appearance of the Alton VFW color guard and drill team. The drill team will perform and present a program on patriotism and the American Flag.

THE MORE YOU READ - Young explorers can cash in their Bookbucks at the end of their adventure and receive prizes. (One Bookbuck for every five books read.)

DISCOVER THE GOLDEN BOOK - Special prizes will be awarded to children who DISCOVER the golden book during the six week program.

Summer reading kick-off program Wednesday, May 20 at 3:30 p.m. Plan to attend and learn more about the library's DISCOVER! READ! program.

Young people who participate in the Wood River summer recreation program will also attend the activities at the library.

Program Dates for Grades 1-8

June 17, 22, 24, 29 and

July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22

Programs start at 10:30 a.m.

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.

Library Hours

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

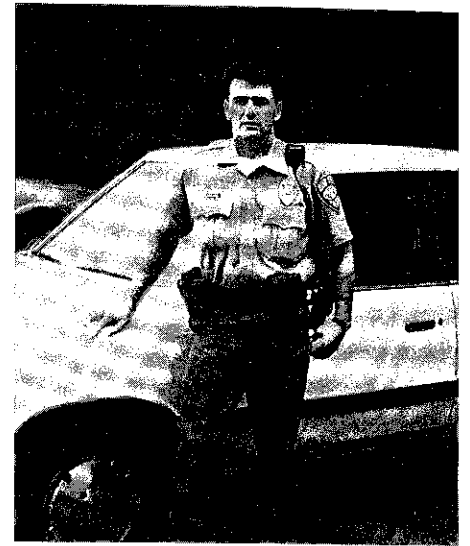
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Read-To-Me Program

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



New Employee

Our newest Patrolman, Kyle McLaughlin, graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy on March 19, 1992. He also holds an Associates Degree in Administration of Justice from Belleville Area College. A native of Bunker Hill, Kyle was previously employed as a part-time patrolman in Bunker Hill before coming to Wood River.

Kyle and his wife, Elora, are looking forward to their move to Wood River in the very near future. Elora is a Head Start Teacher at Brighton North.

Kyle is a sports oriented individual. He enjoys playing golf and softball, and is also playing basketball with the Metro Police Benevolent and Protective Association team.

We welcome Kyle to the Wood River Police Department and wish him the best.

Utility Rate Increases for Coming Fiscal Year

Water and sewer rates will make a modest 4% increase for the coming fiscal year. Escalating prices in all of the supplies that the City purchases, a 9% electrical rate increase, and employee contracted salary scales have necessitated this increase. The Wood River Water Fund has traditionally been a money maker, but a loss of \$100,000 was projected for this fiscal year. After considering all of the options, it was decided that a small increase of 4% this year, even if a similar increase is needed next year, would be much easier to absorb than a 15% to 20% raise if the adjustment

was delayed. With this rate increase virtually all system betterments will be continued including our ten year meter replacement program, replacing old fire hydrants and valves, updating our maps, and updating maintenance on the water treatment plant. Virtually no funds have been provided for main extensions or for long-range capital improvements. However, Wood River city water continues to be the envy of most communities in our area. City crews look out for our finished water from first drawing it from underground wells,

through the treatment plant and distribution system until it gets to your home. Wood River can rightfully be proud of the quality water system.

Our combined storm and sanitary sewer system has cost us extra, partly because further Federal regulations on discharge must be met. Mandates from EPA will require additional construction on our sewer outlet which in turn will add to cost starting next year. Every effort will be made to hold down costs, and no one wants to see rates go higher.

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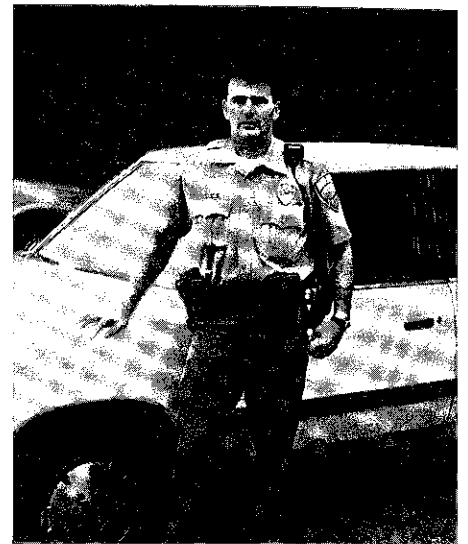
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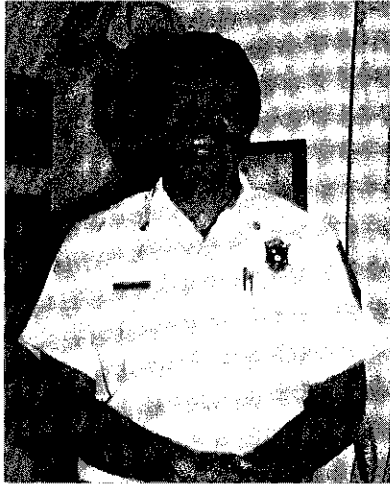
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Hall of Fame

In this issue, we salute a REAL "Hall of Famer", Fire Lieutenant Mark Burris. Mark was recently elected to the Illinois Amateur Softball Association's Hall of Fame, and is the youngest player to ever receive this honor. Mayor Emerick, who nominated Mark for the Hall of Fame, describes him as "a devastating hitter and an errorless gloveman." At the young age of 17, Mark was drafted by the Minnesota Twins and did well, being named to the Gulf Coast League All-Star Team in 1971. He decided he didn't enjoy minor league ball, and returned home to play amateur ball.

Playing in National softball tournaments has given Mark and his family the opportunity to travel all over the country. He and his wife, Cheryl, have four sons: Mark, Jim, Bret and Todd, who of course are all ball players. Mark presently is Assistant Varsity Coach of the Oiler Baseball Team with two of his varsity players being sons Mark and Jim.

Lt. Burris has been with the Wood River Fire Department since 1979. He represents the third generation providing fire service to our city, with grandfather, Charles Burris, and father, Paul Burris, serving as volunteers for 49 years collectively.

We congratulate Mark on his achievements.

Belk Park News

Belk Park and the Golf Course have started another big year. Plans for course improvements are exciting.

A new maintenance program of adding sand to the greens has been very well received. Using sand allows the maintenance crew to make the greens very smooth, just what the golfers want.

The City's Clubhouse Committee has been meeting regularly. Soon plans for a new clubhouse will be complete. In a year we should be out of the current building, which was considered "temporary" 20 years ago when the course opened.

Belk Park hosted 60,000 golfers this past year. It has been totally self-supporting and adding to the city's revenue.

This year should be another great year for Belk Park.

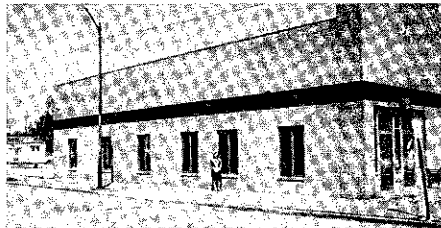
ADA Requirements

Plans are being developed for the City to comply with the American's with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The Act encompasses legislation to protect disabled persons from discrimination on the basis of their handicaps. A plan is expected to be in place before the end of July.

Upcoming Community Events

May 23	Opening Day at Aquatic Center
June 1-12	Spring Clean-up
June 28	Bob Kuban Band Concert
July 23	Wood River Night at Busch Stadium
August 8	Triathlon

Remodeled Businesses



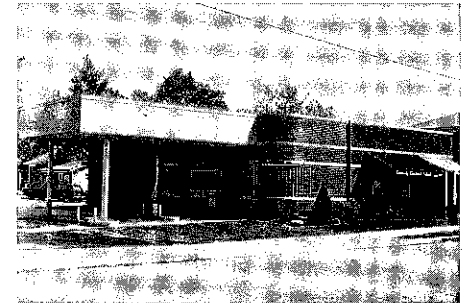
Many of you may have noticed the improvements being made to the **CRISIS SERVICES** building, which is located at 337 Ferguson. Amy Hilgemann, the Executive Director, has done an impressive job of making good use of this large building.

They provide crisis intervention services to residents of Madison County, 24 hours a day. They provide quality emergency and crisis services to those who are experiencing a self-defined or environmentally defined crisis in mental or emotional functioning.

An open house is being planned for May 14, 1992. Stop by and see the good things that are happening to help others.



Stop by to see the newly remodeled **DAIRY QUEEN** at 1288 Edwardsville Road. They have a new modern look for '92.

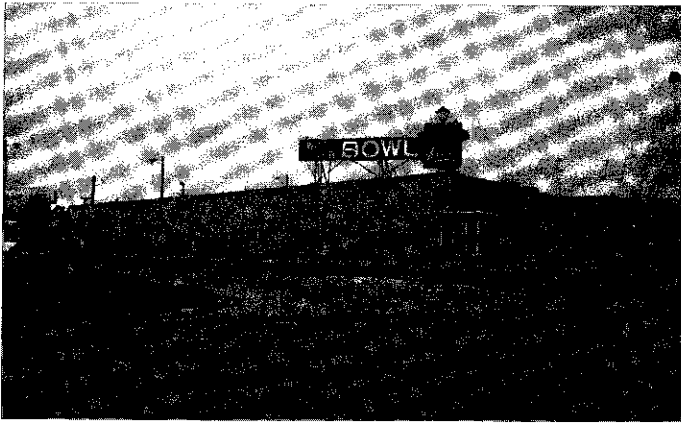


The **COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**, located at 217 E. Ferguson, has had a Face Lift. Remodeling has been completed, to include new and "convenient" drive-up windows. Thanks for helping the City of Wood River look Great!"



Congratulations to the **United Church of Christ** at 6th & Penning for the improvements to their church. They have a beautiful new front and have installed an elevator for their elderly and disabled members.

Introducing New Businesses in Wood River...



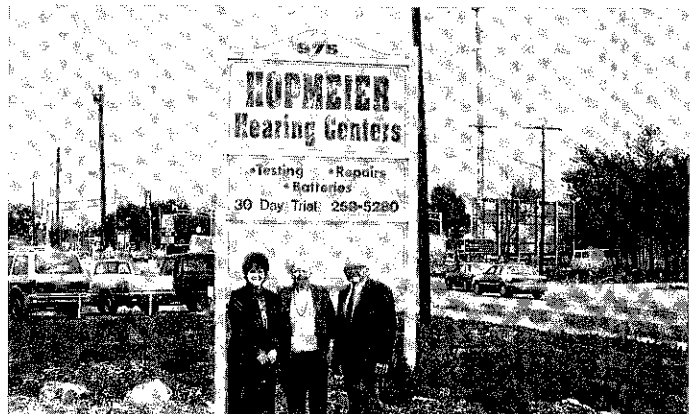
COOPER'S WOOD RIVER BOWL The Brass Lamp Lounge has been brought back to life! Dennis Cooper, owner of Geno's 140 Club in Bethalto, has just recently purchased Wood River Bowl, and the Brass Lamp Lounge is open once again. Stop by for lunch and notice the new improvements.



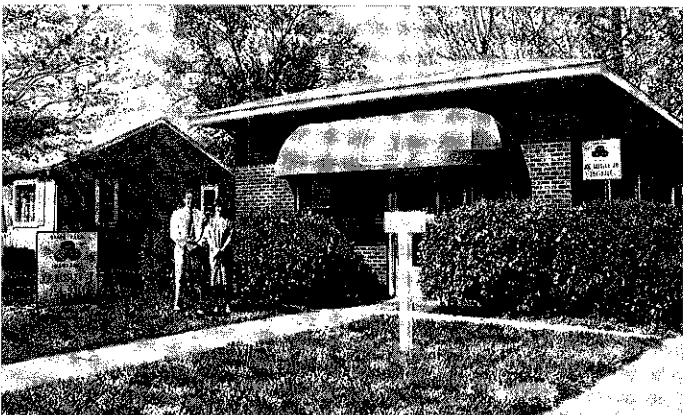
Owner James Lively just recently started his business, **J & K COMMUNICATIONS**, at 14 North Wood River Avenue. He does repair work on TV, VCR, and CB equipment, and can order special parts for you. Hours are Monday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. They'll be happy to help you.



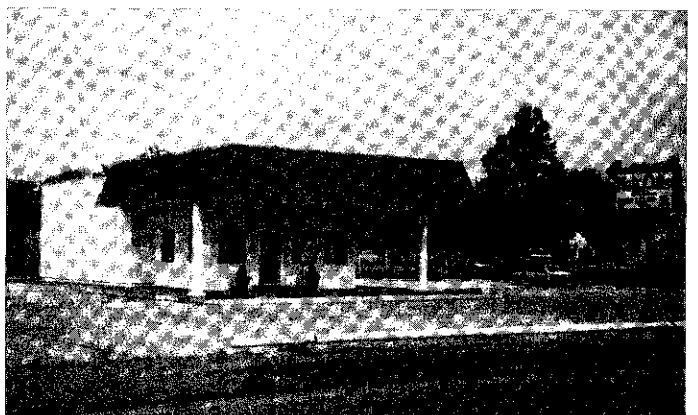
A new and interesting store in downtown, is **MOSS ACCESSORIES**, located at 15 E. Ferguson. This friendly little shop sells Foods, Coffees, and Spices from New Orleans, as well as unique gifts, antiques, and crafts. Hours of business: Monday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



HOPMEIER HEARING AID moved into their new office, 975 Edwardsville Road, in February. Pictured above is Owner, Ralph Johnson. He has facilities for testing the hearing impaired, and fitting with new hearing aids. They also service and repair used hearing aids.



Joe and Kathryn Hassler, Jr., are pictured in front of their new **STATE FARM INSURANCE** Office at the corner of Esther & Central. For any insurance needs, be sure to call Joe at 254-9314. He says he is "always" there. Be watching for his Open House around June 1.



HAIR CUTS, ETC., owned by Steven Potter, has just opened at 648 Wood River Avenue. Steve has done a great job in remodeling this building which sat vacant for many years. The shop specializes in both barber and beauty shop needs.

Message From the City Manager

1992-93 City Budget

Preparing a budget isn't easy this year, whether it's for your individual family, for Congress in Washington, our Legislators in Springfield, or even the City of Wood River. The unfortunate part for cities is that not only has the help and assistance from Washington and Springfield been cut back, but also new mandates for spending have increased. Cities are at the bottom end of the pyramid. It is our cities that are sending the money to our State and Federal Governments, and yet the cities are the losers when it comes to funding for programs that are mandated from up above. Just in this past year, Wood River has been mandated, along with everyone else, to make changes for the handicapped, to make costly changes in our sewage treatment, to provide additional testing on our water, to follow minimum wage guidelines, and to restrict the refuse going to landfills.

Who can be against any of these? We are all in favor of these; we all want to have a better life and better environment, but these things cost money. At the same time that these mandates are placed on the city, funds that local people send to Washington and Springfield are being diverted to take care of their budget crises caused by their previous fiscal irresponsibility. With few notable exceptions, the hundreds of local governments in Illinois have been fiscally responsible. They have to; there is no other way for them to run their business than to have a balanced budget every year. Now, the crunch is finally catching up with the

other levels of government and they are taking it out on local governments — the only solvent area in the governmental chain. And just because cities aren't embroiled in red ink, the Federal and State Governments feel that cities should carry a bigger share.

We've been carrying our share all along and in a fiscally responsible manner. The money that gets spent in Wood River and other local governments is watched too closely by the citizens to have frivolous expenditures or boondoggle projects that eat up so much of the Federal and State money. Citizens run into their Council members every day. They see City employees on the streets and in the stores. Any time you want to register a complaint you are not reluctant to let us know what we need to do to get things straightened out.

Fortunately or unfortunately, that message is finally being heard on the State and Federal levels. It's just too bad that your local governments have had to take the brunt of this effort.

In particular, cities need the income tax surcharge that was earmarked for them four years ago. Wood River needs to have the T.I.F. sales tax that was established by State Statute and committed to the city for the term of our project. Senator Vadalabene and Representative McPike have supported us on these efforts. We can only hope that the rest of the Legislature will stick with us on these measures. And we need to keep our guard up to see that no more mandates are imposed on the city without funds being provided to pay for them.

Council Corner

What's New in '92

The first quarter of 1992 is behind us. April 15 has come and gone. Governor Edgar has issued his "State of the State" and budget proposal for fiscal 1992-93 (stating Illinois is in financial trouble). President Bush says that the recession is turning upward and recovery is just around the corner.

What can you expect in Wood River during fiscal 1992-93? The City Council has adopted a budget of \$10.9 million. Thanks to the hard work of Finance Director Joey Tolbert, City Manager Barrett Jones, all of the department heads and support staff, Wood River will continue to operate in the black. Citizens will not experience cuts in services, however, some adjustments may be made to make operations more productive and feasible.

A modest 4% increase in water and sewer rates allows the operations of these funds to continue as an effective cost center. It was decided that a few small increases over a period of years is better than a major increase in one year.

Public safety personnel will have some new equipment, including new mobile and portable radios for the police department (replacing equipment that in some cases is at least 10 years old), a new fire truck and communications system.

The Parks and Recreation staff is gearing up for another summer of softball and baseball leagues, swimming and evening band concerts at Central Park. Belk Park Golf Course once again, ranks in the top three of public courses in the Greater St. Louis area, with construction of a new clubhouse scheduled in late Fall.

Street work and repairs by both local and state crews will continue throughout the summer, including Rock Hill Road and Sixth Street.

On behalf of the City Council, I would like to encourage you to look around the town, take pride in what Wood River has to offer both now and in the future.

Councilman Scott Levan

Notes From Your City Inspectors

- 1. KEEP IT SHORT!** Just a reminder, Spring is here — grass and weeds must be kept under 8" to comply with City ordinance. Let's help each other. If the City has to send you a letter and has to cut your grass, it ends up costing you a lot more than having it done yourself.
- 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. We receive many complaints about trash in alleys, so **please** help keep the alleys clean.

- 3. BUILDING PERMITS!** Play it safe and always check with the Building & Zoning Department before starting any type of remodeling or new construction work. In addition to major construction, permits are required for roofs, fences, carports, remodeling, swimming pools, storage sheds, electrical service, etc.