



City of
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WOOD RIVER WELCOMES CONGRESSMAN COSTELLO



Approximately 55 citizens from Madison County attended the Town Meeting held at the Wood River City Hall to confer with U. S. Congressman Mr. Jerry Costello on Wednesday, January 11, 1989. In the photo, Mr. Costello shakes hands with Mayor Lon Smith of Wood River. Also pictured are some of the citizens in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Costello began his meeting by asking citizens to air their problems or worries where the federal government is concerned. He also stated that if, in the future, any citizen had a solution as to how a particular matter could be solved, to please submit their suggestions to his office.

A brief outline of proposed items to be coming before Congress in the next session as given. Congressman Costello stated some of these were Congressional pay raises, honoraria including campaign finance reform, and a review of the new legislation for the Medicare Part B fee schedule.

The floor was turned over to the citizens who aired their concerns regarding various subjects as follows: elderly in nursing homes, "has our federal government become too big?", cutting military bases in the U.S. and abroad, national defense spending, parity of raises for Congress with those of the Social Security recipients, proposed "user fees" for medical treatment of military retirees, restricting age limit of Supreme Court Judges, and halting pay raises for upper governmental officials to help remedy the budget deficit.

Other topics of conversation were the proposed inclusion in the budget of more treatment for the mentally ill and physically handicapped, opening and expansion of Scott Air Force Base for public use and access, selling government owned land at \$2.50 per acre to a strip mining company, taxes on gasoline, taxes on utilities, helping to reduce the national debt by taking moneys from those who have enjoyed relaxed taxation in the past, and changing postal service of incorporated areas of Wood River from East Alton.

Congressman Costello asked those citizens wishing that action be taken on their problems or concerns, to contact him in writing. Since the "Privacy Act" restricts certain releases of information, those letters "in writing" allow him to begin action immediately without having to wait for another contact or letter.

Don't fret yet, spring is
right around the corner!

CRIME PREVENTION "DON'T BE SWINDLED"

Thousands of Americans are victims of fraud and con games annually. Although the elderly are their primary target, anyone can be victimized by the scheme of a con artist.

Your best defense against these "smooth talkers" is to be aware of their tactics. Some of the more common schemes are the Charge Card Overcharge, Bank Examiner, Pigeon Drop, Over-ring on Sales, Home Improvement, and Postal Fraud.

Let us briefly look at a couple of the schemes and find the key to your defense:

The Bank Examiner Scheme is where you are contacted by a so-called bank examiner about an employee tampering with your account. You are solicited to help the alleged bank examiner catch the employee. Part of this "plan" requires you to withdraw money from your bank account.

REMEMBER, LEGITIMATE INVESTIGATORS WILL NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR ANY REASON, REQUEST YOU TO WITHDRAW MONEY FROM YOUR ACCOUNT.

The Pigeon Drop Scheme is where the con artists allege that ill gotten money has been found and it should be divided among yourself and them (the con artists).

Again, part of this plan is for you to put up some "good faith" money; after which you and your new-found partners will pick up your share from another person who is supposedly holding the money. However, when you separate from your partners to contact this person, you also separate from your "good faith" money.

DON'T FORGET, IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE; IT PROBABLY IS!

For more information concerning con games or other Crime Prevention Tips contact:

Commander David Downs
Crime Prevention Unit
Wood River Police 254-8923

SENIOR CITIZEN PENALTY WAIVER PROGRAM

In an effort to better serve the senior citizen residents of Wood River, the City Council has modified the penalty waiver program for water bills. The original premise of the program was to waive the penalty charges on water bills for senior citizen residents receiving social security benefits, in the event that social security checks were received after the due date of utility bills.

The original program has been an excellent benefit to the senior residents of Wood River who receive social security benefits. However, not all career choices are social security eligible jobs; such as teachers, firemen, and policemen. Therefore, the need existed to offer a penalty waiver program to certain residents not receiving social security benefits, but living on fixed retirement benefits from their respective career paths.

The amended senior citizen's penalty waiver program provides for penalty charges on utility bills to be waived for residents of Wood River who are at least 62 years old and living on a fixed income. If you are eligible for this program, it is required that you sign up for the program in the Water Office located within City Hall.

"COOL" CAROLERS

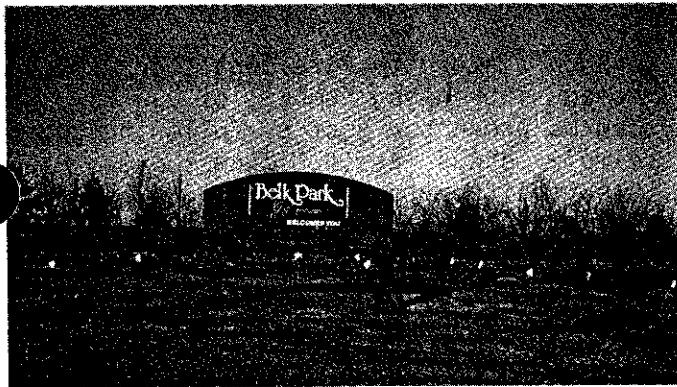


Above, although the temperatures dropped into the teens on December 16, students from the fifth grade classes of Lewis & Clark Grade School visited the Wood River City Hall and sang a merry selection of Christmas carols and extended their wishes for a happy holiday season.

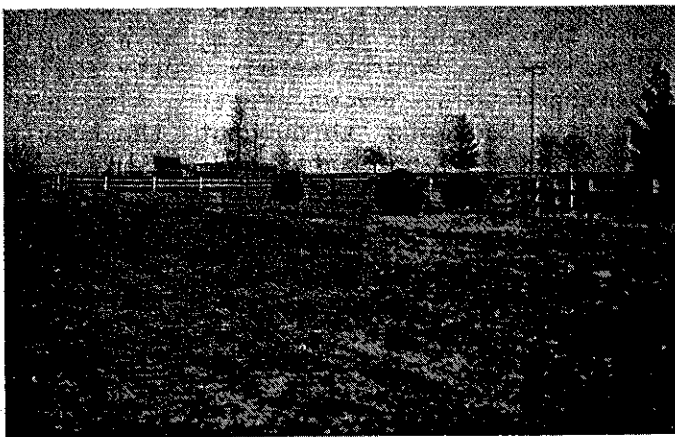
ENJOY OUR PARK AND GOLF COURSE



This year at Belk Park we tried very hard to focus on maintaining Belk Park's excellence. The beginning project was resurfacing the entire parking lot with asphalt.



A new quality Belk Park welcoming sign was erected at the south end of the course to give our guests a taste of what type of facility they will be visiting.

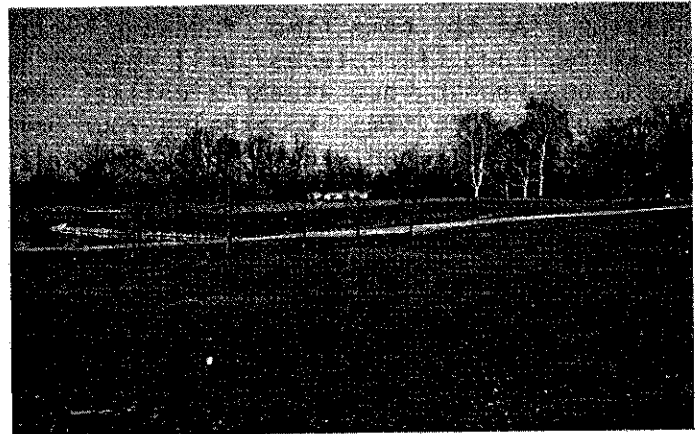


The chain link fence around the course was replaced by a new split rail fence; and in order to keep up the clubhouse, we installed new front and side porches which were covered with astro turf to deter wear and tear.

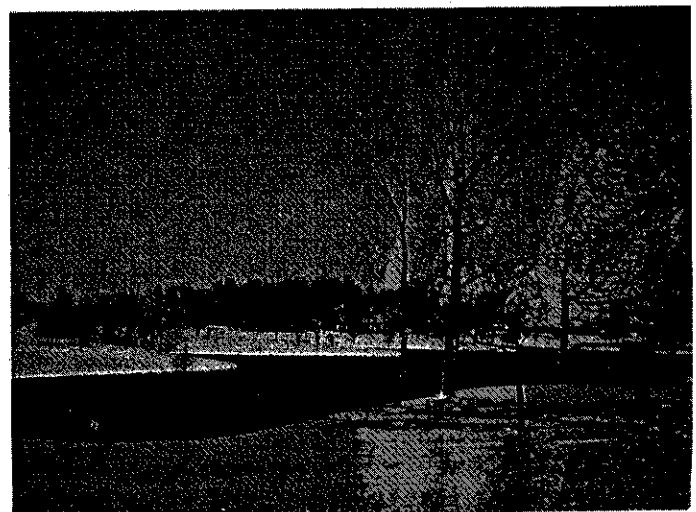
New car paths on the back nine have been started and should be completed in the spring. These should help immensely in keeping the course open and will also provide for less deterioration of our golf cars.



Some new projects planned for the future include a lake in front of and around the No. 11 tee. Plans for renovating the teeing areas and sand traps are also in the works.



LOVELY IN WINTER, 12-28-88





WINTER SAFETY

As winter approaches, most of us find ourselves spending a great deal of time indoors. Children, who normally spend their energies in the yard, will be in their rooms or in front of the television. At the same time, furnaces, space heaters, and fireplaces will be put to good use keeping out winter's chill. Now is the perfect time to examine your home for fire safety and take those few extra steps to keep your family safe and warm.

Charcoal lighter and propane left over from summer barbecues should be disposed of or stored in a safe place outside the home. That last half gallon of gas for the lawn mower can be dumped into the family car and the can sealed tightly. The space heater in the den should be moved at least three feet from the curtains or any other combustibles, and check the cord for wear.

Check your furnace operation or have it professionally serviced. Filters should be cleaned, motors oiled, belts checked, and burners cleared of dirt or rust. Flues should be tight, so that excess heat and fumes go outside. Check the clothes dryer for built up lint. Fumes from the dryer should be vented outside through the exhaust hose as lint is very flammable.

Periodically clean the soot and creosote from the fireplace chimney. Use only the materials that a fireplace is meant to burn; never plastics or other synthetics

that give off poisonous fumes. Dispose of the ashes in metal containers and never store them in the house. Keep the fire screen and doors closed to keep sparks or logs from falling out, especially if you plan to leave the fire unattended for a time.

Teach your children to leave matches, candles, fireplaces, and space heaters alone. If need be, store them in a high place well out of reach of smaller children.

Test your smoke detectors weekly and change the batteries at least once a year. A good working alarm can mean the difference between waking up to a smoldering fire or one with no escape. If you haven't already, plan a family fire exit drill and practice it often.

Each winter the Fire Department responds to an increasing number of alarms. Most can be prevented just by following the few simple steps as outlined above. Please take the time to inspect your own home and enjoy the winter months warm and safely.

"HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

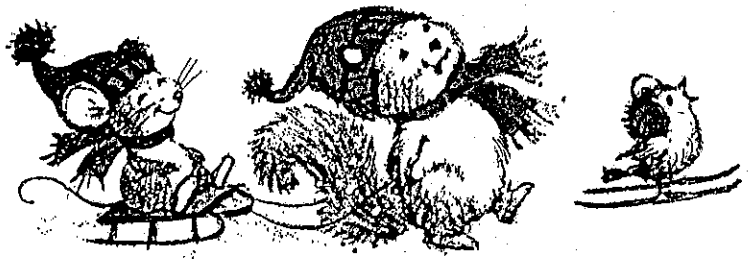
Santa Day, which was sponsored by Project H.E.A.R.T. was held on December 14 in the Manley Auditorium of Wood River Hospital. Approximately forty children attended this joyous event. Also nearly thirty patients throughout the hospital were visited by Santa and Mrs. Claus who presented them with gifts, treats, and Christmas cheer!

On Saturday, December 17, over 545 senior citizens enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner in the Manley Auditorium. This amiable event was sponsored by Project H.E.A.R.T., WRTH Auxiliary, the Wood River Police Department, and Local #168 AFSCME.

A Christmas Story Hour was also held and sponsored by the Wood River Police Dept. and Project H.E.A.R.T.

S N O W R O U T E S

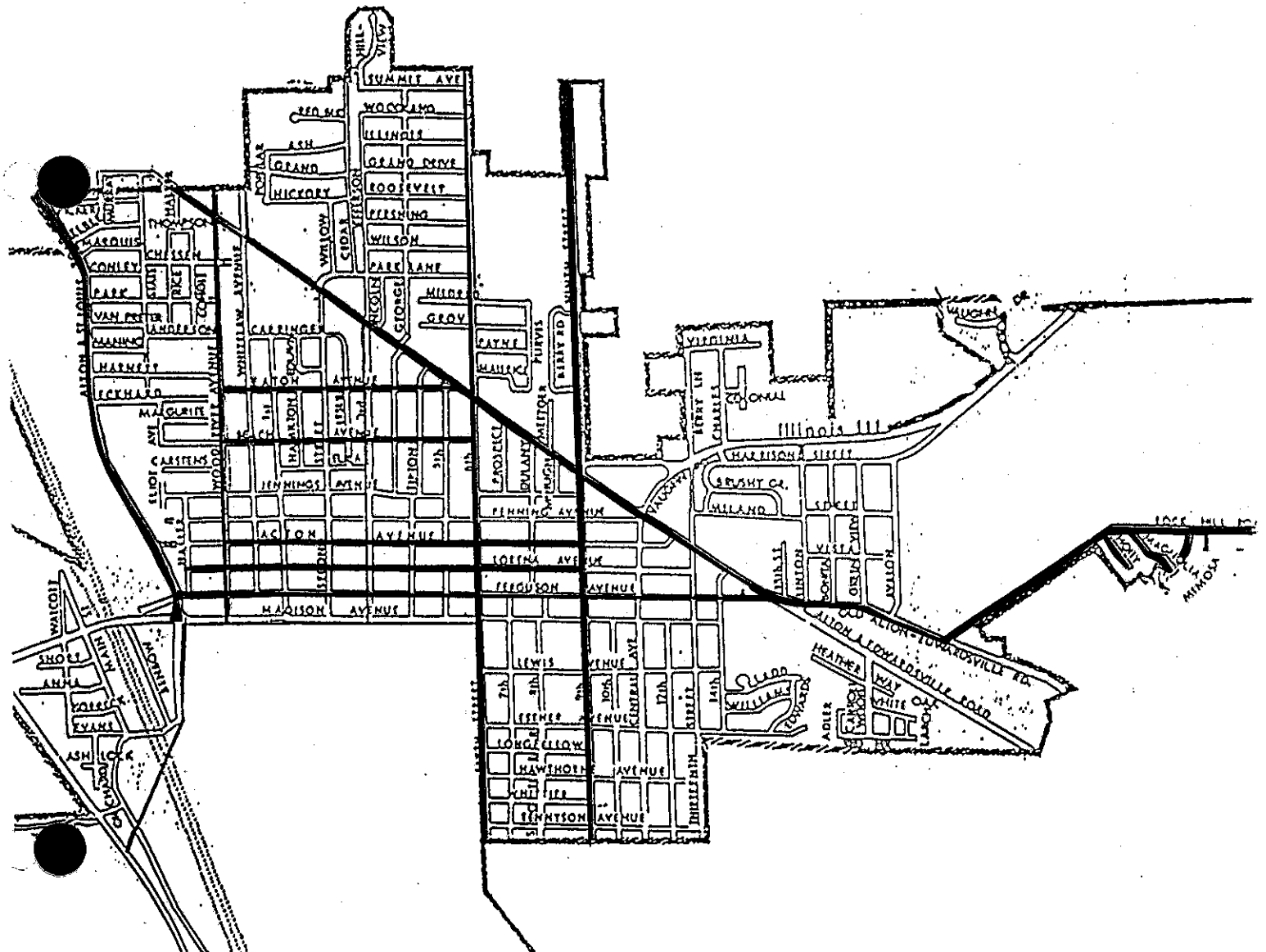
When snow and ice cover the City, snow removal equipment is dispatched to clear the roadways for safe and easy access for travelers. The first priority is to remove snow from the major streets that are heavily traveled - these are called snow routes. Streets designated as snow routes are listed and are also indicated on the map below.



Old St. Louis Road
 Ferguson Avenue
 Lorena Avenue
 Acton Avenue
 Wood River Avenue
 Beach Avenue
 Eaton Avenue
 Edwardsville Road

Sixth Street
 Ninth Street
 East Rock Hill Rd.
 Rock Hill Rd.
 Holly Drive
 Magnolia Drive
 Mimosa Lane

Please remember that when we have a snow storm of two (2) inches or more accumulation, it is unlawful to park a vehicle on a snow route until said streets are cleared. So, if snow is predicted during the night and you live on a snow route, please move your vehicle off the street before you go to bed.



WOOD RIVER
PUBLIC LIBRARY
TO RECEIVE VIDEOS



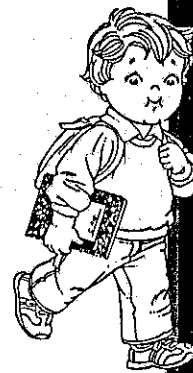
The Wood River Library announces the forthcoming arrival of educational video tapes covering humanities, arts, and sciences. These are expected to be available for 7-day check-out some time in January 1989 to those individuals holding a valid

adult library card. This collection of tapes is made available through the MacArthur Foundation Video Classics Project which makes the tapes available to public libraries.

A program guide to describe the offerings will accompany the videos. Titles included in the series are: "Alistair Cooke's America", "Nova", "American Short Story", "Civilisation", "Life on Earth", "Planet Earth" and "The Story of English". Most all series include complete public performance rights to allow community group showings where no admission is charged.

The library is pleased to announce the start of a new videocassette collection. Over forty titles are readily available, including a number of "how-to" craft tapes on painting, cross stitch, floral arranging, calligraphy, glass etching, quilting, and cake decorating. Also included is the entire "Wally's Workshop" series to provide practical help for the homeowner facing repairs or a remodeling project.

Brrrrr... warm up your winter
with a cozy book from the library



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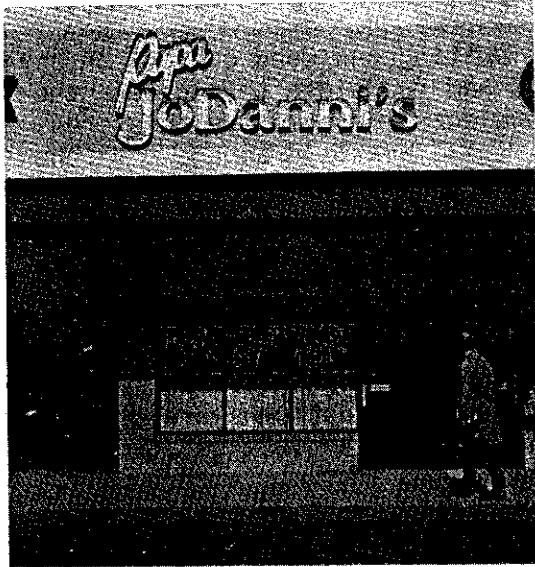
The Wood River Public Library will again participate in the Campbell's Labels for Education Program. The schools and public libraries can exchange these labels for new books, software, or equipment.

Labels or purchase seals from the following products are requested, and may be dropped off at the library:

1. Campbell's Condensed Soups (red & white label)
2. Campbell's Chunky Soups
3. Campbell's "Soup For One" Soups
4. Campbell's Low Sodium Soups
5. Campbell's Gold Label Soups
6. Campbell's Home Cookin' Soups
7. Campbell's Special Request Soups
8. Campbell's Beans Products
9. Campbell's Tomato Juice
10. "V-8" Vegetable Juices
11. Franco-American Products
12. Swanson Canned Food Products
13. Prego Spaghetti Sauces
14. Campbell's Fresh Products
15. Campbell's Juice Bowl Juices
16. Lids from Vlasic Pickle Products
17. Proof of Purchase seal from Swanson frozen food packages
18. Prego Frozen Entrees
19. UPC panels from all Pepperidge Farm Products
20. Bottom Flap UPC Panels from Campbell's Quality Soup & Recipe Mix
21. "Quality Pledge" panels from all Mrs. Paul's Frozen Food Packages

NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN

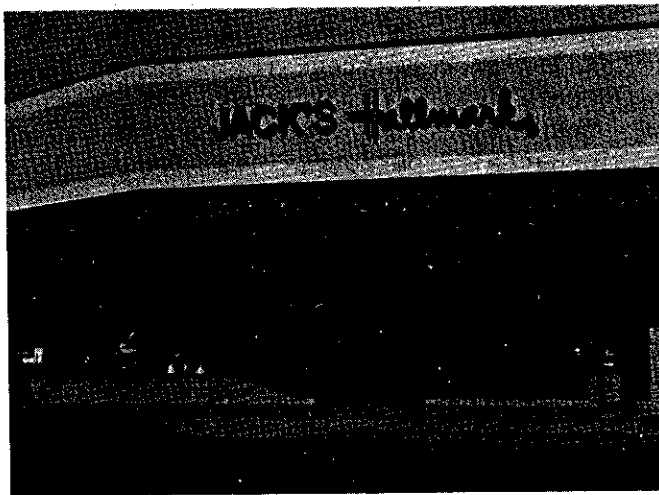
We are always happy to welcome new businesses in our community. Since our last Pipeline publication, the following stores have opened for business:



Papa JoDanni's, owned and operated by John and Dana Baggio recently opened for business in the Walmart Complex. Visit cheerfully decorated "ice cream parlor" finished in shades of pink, burgundy, and turquoise. The menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, sandwiches, ice cream with fresh fruit toppings, and frozen yogurt. Hours are:

Monday thru Friday	11am - 11pm
Saturday	11am - 12pm
Sunday	4pm - 11pm

For carryouts and delivery call 259-6500.



LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT? Visit Jack's Hallmark located in the Walmart Complex owned and operated by Jack and Gisela Rasp. The store features a full line of Hallmark accessories including party decorations, gift wrap, and a very large selection of greeting cards. They also offer collectibles by "Amels", "Precious Moments" and "Jan Hagara". Among other gifts offered are religious merchandise, anniversary items, candles, and stationery. A Bridal Registry is planned for the very near future. Call 259-3622 for more information.

RECREATION

* SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

2nd Thurs. ea. Month

* DANCE LESSONS

- Ballroom dance
Mon. 7-10pm
- Square dance
Tues. 7-9pm
- Hoedowners
2nd & 4th Sat.
each month
- Tap, Ballet, Jazz
Mon. & Thurs.
4-6 P.M.

* EXERCISE GROUP

- Ladies exercise
Mon. Wed. Fri.
9:30 - 10:30 A.M.
- Aerobics
Mon. Wed. Thur.
6-7 P.M.

* MISCELLANEOUS

- BEES
Behavioral Eating
Encouragement
Wed. 10:30 A.M.
- Karate classes
Thur. & Fri. 7-9 P.M.
- Gymnastics
Tues. & Sat.

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

- Now registering for
Summer Softball.
Men's, Women's, Church
and Co-Ed Leagues

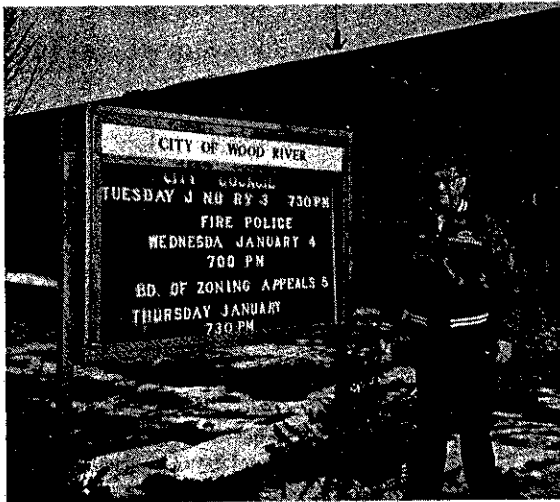
All of these classes are held at the Roundhouse with the exception of the karate classes. For more info call 254-5521. Aquatic Center info & season pass costs for the upcoming Summer may be obtained by calling 254-5521.

CITY "HALL OF FAME"



The photo above was taken during the last week of Jo Ann Sands' position of School Crossing Guard at Sixth and Edwardsville Road. As an employee of the city for 19-1/2 years, she worked in a variety of capacities including Cafeteria Employee, Office Clerk, and Crossing Guard. Her resignation came as a result of accepting a full time position as secretary in the Guidance Office of Wood River High School.

At a recent City Council Meeting, Mayor Lon Smith presented Jo Ann with a plaque commemorating her years of dedicated service.



Pictured beside the marquis outside City Hall is Evan Nelson, who performs minor building maintenance and all janitorial duties throughout City Hall and the Police Department.

Evan has one full time hobby which is photography. He is anxious to photograph many city functions such as parades, sporting events, and various other fetes. His collection of photos are not only very interesting but also very professional.

Council Corner

Last summer a college grad and fifteen high school boys formed the "Clean Sweep Team" and established a goal to attract aesthetic appeal within the City of Wood River.

Weed cutting and weed control in several ditches and roadsides throughout the city were projects performed by this crew. The East and West drainage ditches at Emerick's Sports Complex, ditches at Benbow Field and Route 111 were primary targets.

Watering, trimming, and caring of trees in the city were part of the work needed. Forty-two intersections on Lorena, Acton, Ferguson, and Penning were cleaned and painted yellow, as well as twenty intersections on Wood River Avenue, Sixth, and Ninth Streets. Some of these areas had not been painted for years and many curbs had never been painted.

Motorists have found it a little easier to find their way around in some parts of the city because the "Clean Sweep Team" scraped, wire-brushed, and repainted several street signs.

I outlined and designed this youth work program for the summer of 1988 and presented the plan to the City Council and a citizen's committee for action and implementation. The program was dedicated to beautification excellence with a double-barrel purpose; to provide an opportunity for young people to earn money during the summer break and to instill a beautification program throughout the City. Those goals have been reached but not completely fulfilled, so the program must be on-going. The "Clean Sweep Team" must regroup and devise a game plan for 1989.

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