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Franklin Community Newsletter

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We would like to extend our sympathies to the families of the following people who were residents or former residents of Franklin and passed away this past month. We value the importance of all our residents (past and present).

In memory of Leo Kobak and Rudy Moutz.

We would also like to extend our sympathies to Carolyn Hartman and her husband Jim. Carolyn works in the Community Center office. Her mother passed away this month. We also send our get well wishes to Mildred Hunter who works in the office. She fell and broke her arm and will be off work for several weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 FCCI Board Meeting	April 13 Polka Party	April 17 Lifelong Friends	May 4 – 5 th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony & Severe Weather Symposium
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Huge Sale

Don't miss out on this!! Close out on all Franklin collectibles. Some items are almost gone and cannot be replaced. Think Christmas and birthday gifts or keepsakes for the kids and grandkids. Some items have the Franklin logo and some have the centennial logo. Stop by the Community Center during normal business hours (10am-3pm Monday-Saturday). Some items are almost sold out.

\$1.00: T-shirts, Key rings, Hat/Lapel Pins, Patches, 2007 Calendars (great photos & stories), Christmas Ornaments, Magnets and Historic Newspaper (2 for \$1)	\$5.00: Trivets (Keepsakes from Franklin Church or old Community Center, Chalkboard (Keepsake from Franklin School), Denim Shirts
\$3.00: Hats, Sweatshirts, Cookbooks, Southeast Ks. Mining Map	\$10.00: Tote Bags, DVD Set, Autographed Kansas Guidebook \$20.00 Afghan

VANDALISM

Parents! Please speak with your children. There have been several instances of vandalism at the park and community center. It is a great joy to see the number of children and families using the park. The park was built with numerous volunteer hours and many donations. We will be keeping extra watch on these areas. Volunteers work hard to provide a great facility and park for everyone to use. It would be a shame for 1 or 2 mischievous children to ruin that for everyone. Our trees that we planted to provide shade for future generation have been broken off at the top. What may have provided shade in the next few years will now take a much longer time. Trees and landscaping are such an integral part of the park as they provide homes from wildlife, shade and aesthetic beauty. It is a shame that such a senseless and hateful act of vandalism happened at our park. A gate was broken and there were several other malicious acts. The vandalism is costly and volunteers are stretched to the limit already to keep our facilities in tip top shape. If you see anyone that appears to be causing a problem please contact any of the board members or the Sheriff's Department. The

Sheriff's Department is aware of the problem and will be patrolling and making arrests as necessary. We want everyone to be able enjoy this beautiful park!

5th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony & Severe Weather Symposium

You won't want to miss this! This will be a special day for the area. The symposium is being organized by Joey Ketcham, well known storm chaser for the area. FCCI is a co-organizer. The event will cover events that occurred in all of Crawford County. Great speakers, fascinating displays, door prizes given throughout the day, free to the public, food available for purchase.

PARK

Thanks once again to M & I Bank, Pittsburg and the trustees of Pritchett Trust. A grant was award to FCCI for more equipment at the park and other items needed to complete the project. A plaque is placed in the Memorial Garden in honor of the William and Athlyn Pritchett.

NEEDS

We are in need of a wheelbarrow, a cart to hook on the back of the lawn mower and general tools such as hammer, screw drivers, pliers, rakes (garden & leaf). If you have any of the above or any other general tools that are in your garage and not being used please consider donating them to FCCI for use in maintaining the park, community center and welcome sign area.

BARGAIN BAZAAR & CHILI FEED

Thanks to all those who helped make our annual fund raising event such a huge success. A special thank you to Pat (Tassi) McKee and her National Honor Society students who worked very hard and helped with the set up. We could not have done it without them. Thanks to LeRoy Younger for once again cooking the chili. There are still a few quarts left in the freezer. If you would like one just call the office (347-4220) and you can pick one up for \$5. Great way to have a quick supper! And thanks especially to the ladies who worked the entire week prior to the sale in preparation for this big event as well as the day of the event. These ladies are such an asset to the community and work very hard to keep the facilities and programs going.

There is no way to individually thank everyone who donated items for the Bargain Bazaar. A huge thank you goes to those who helped make this annual fund raiser such a success. We appreciate your kindness and support.

CORRECTON ON NEW MASCOTS

Sorry for the misprint in the last edition of the newsletter. The names were reversed. Frankie is the gray striped cat and Buddy is the orange cat.

ANNEXATION

Please remember to stop by to sign the petition in support of House Bill 2747 which will give residents a vote on whether to annex their property. If you signed the first petition it is still very important that you sign this one as well. The proposed bill is at the Community Center for anyone to read.

VETERANS – Welcome Home from Iraq Reception

We invite everyone to an open house on March 29 from 3-6 to welcome home Brandon Pitts from his tour in Iraq. A short

welcome home ceremony will be held at 4 pm.

We would still like to receive your pictures for our veterans memorial display. They can be dropped off at the community center and the original will be returned to you. This includes those currently serving.

FUNERAL DINNERS (Norine Laird - 620-347-4453)

Please remember that the community center is available for funeral dinners at no charge to the family. FCCI will provide meals for funeral dinners for Franklin residents AND former Franklin residents. Families are responsible for paying for meat for the dinner but side dishes and beverages will be prepared and served by residents of the community. If there is a death in your family please call Norine and she will take care of the dinner arrangements.

CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to Betty (Kissee) Lawson, Chuck Ales, Robert, Luth and Tony & Ruth Zemlock for their support of our organization. We appreciate all donations and will put the items and money to good use for the benefit of the entire community.

Thanks to the Ashbacher family for the beautiful SNPJ Lodge ribbon. It signifies the establishment of the Franklin SNPJ Lodge # 92 in 1908. This beautiful memento has been placed in the glass display cases at the center. Thanks to those who continue to help us in our quest of saving historical items and documents relating to Franklin. We are dedicated to preserving the history of the community and appreciate support toward these projects.

We continue to look for family photos and veteran photos to add to our displays. If you are (or have been) a resident of Franklin we would love to have your photos. Originals will be returned to you. Please drop them off at the office. Be sure they are identified and leave a name and number so they can be returned. We also have room for other Franklin collectible items in our display cases. They can also be dropped off at the center or call 620-249-9333.

LIFELONG FRIENDS (Margaret Kennedy 620-347-4358) **April 17**

Everyone enjoyed the February and March luncheons and programs. If you haven't attended you'll want to mark your calendar and spend an afternoon with this group. Watch newspaper for time and further information or call the office 620-347-4220. Everyone has enjoyed the luncheons and the programs have been outstanding. For the remainder of the afternoon everyone enjoys visiting, playing cards, games, etc.

APRIL 13 POLKA DANCE (Norine Laird 620-347-4453)

For Reservations call 620-347-4220 Music by Johnnie Zibert Band

3-6 pm \$5 per person

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CENTER & HERITAGE MUSEUM

“NEW HOURS” Monday-Saturday 10 am-3pm

Please help to promote the community center to your friends. It is a wonderful rental facility and works perfectly for weddings, bridal & baby showers, birthday parties, etc. Rental fees help to maintain the center and keep it in operation. If you know of anyone looking for a special place to hold their next event please recommend the center. Brochures are available in the office and a tour can be taken at any time during normal business hours. Information as well as the complete rental packet along with rates is on the website (www.franklinkansas.com)

WATER DEPARTMENT

RWD #7 Annual Election Meeting will be held next month. There are 2 seats available. If you are a property owner this is your opportunity to be a part of your water district's future. A notice will be attached to your March's water bill with the date and time for the meeting.

The Drop Box for RWD #7 water is located in front of the Franklin Community Center just south of the portico pillars. You may mail your payments to P.O. Box 44 Franklin, Ks 66735. If you have any questions please call Veda Maxwell at 347-4747.

WATER BOARD DIRECTORS:

Craig Stokes, 620-347-8519; **Jim Rhuems**, 620-347-3498; **Doris Morlock**, 620-347-4958; **Dianna Morrison**, 620-347-8807

Check the areas in which you are able to volunteer your time or talent and return with your water bill or send to FCCI, P. O. Box 43, Franklin, Ks. 66735.

I am willing to work at (Circle choices or call the center 347-4220 and leave your name):

April Polka Dance * 5th Anniversary Symposium

Clean Historic Sidewalk * Serve Funeral Dinners * Prepare Food for Funeral Dinners

Serve on a Committee * Help in any way I am needed

I am unable to help but would like to donate \$_____ toward (circle one)

Endowment Fund (\$100 minimum to set up fund) * Current maintenance, repairs & upkeep

Future projects * Whatever is needed most * _____

(your favorite project)

FAMILY NAME: _____(for endowment fund) Please send me a paver form _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____