

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 Stanley J. Trybalski, Dixie Lee Goodnough and Marjorie Keener,

COMMUNITY CENTER

Monday-Wednesday 10 am-8pm

Thursday-Saturday 10 am-3pm

Many people have been making use of the new office hours at the community center. Visitors & residents have stopped by to view the new center and spent hours browsing through the historic displays and photo albums. Please feel free to stop in to view the new center.

RENTAL FEES: New rental fees are available for rentals Monday through Thursday. Also deposits are lowered for short term rentals (2-3 hours). You can visit the website to see the new rates or stop by the center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10 Salute to Veterans
December 31 New Year's Eve Party
May 4, 2008 5th Anniversary Remembrance
& Weather Symposium
June 21, 2008 Franklin Reunion

If you need a ride to any of the community events please call the center and we will do our best to make arrangements for someone to pick you up.

Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.

LIFELONG FRIENDS

Margaret Kennedy
620-347-4358
Programs will resume in January.

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.

"HUGE SALE" CENTENNIAL & FRANKLIN Collectibles

Stop by the community center during our new office hours or visit the website for pricing and order form. These would make a nice gift for children or grandchildren. Lots of \$2 and \$3 items (hat pins, key rings, patches, etc.). T-shirts \$3.00; Sweatshirts \$5 Denim Shirts \$12.00 If you attended the Centennial you are very likely in the DVD. The DVD also contains a narrative and photos on the history of the community as well as interviews and photos from the centennial. \$20 for a nicely packaged 2 DVD set.

WATER DEPARTMENT DROP BOX

The Drop Box for RWD #7 water payments has been installed for your convenience. It is located in front of the Franklin Community Center just south of the portico pillars. It is a beautiful bronze Victorian Letter Box to compliment the Community Center. Payments must be in a sealed envelope with your name and address on the envelope. RWD #7 assumes no responsibility for water payments made using this method. Payments made after 2:00 p.m., will be considered as the next day's business. This cutoff time includes our regular due date of the 10th of each month and late payment notice dates to avoid service turn offs. You may continue to mail your payments to P.O. Box 44 Franklin, Ks 66735. If you have any questions please call Veda Maxwell at 347-4747.

WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS

November 10

Invitations have been sent for the Veterans dinner. If you are a Franklin veteran or a widow of a Franklin veteran and did not receive an invitation please let us know. We continually try to update our lists to be sure that everyone is invited. We have no way of knowing unless you contact us. Call 620-347-4220. Dinner is at 11:30 and anyone other than the veterans, their wives & widows who wish to attend may purchase a ticket for \$5. Reservations must be made prior to October 31. The program which begins at 1 pm is open to the public at no charge.

WEBSITE

Lots of new photos and stories on the website. If you have any photos to share please e-mail them, drop them off at the center (originals will be returned) or call 620-249-9333 and we can make arrangements to scan them.

BARGAIN BAZAAR (March 1, 2008)

Plan now for our annual bargain bazaar & chili feed. Start saving your items to donate. All proceeds go to benefit the community. Please help us make this a success. No "junk" accepted. Please do not make us a trash drop off. We will accept clean, usable items.

YOUNG PEOPLE – That Means You!!! VOLUNTEERS

It doesn't take a lot of time. Please offer your help even if in some small way. Many times we need help just for an hour or two (setting up tables, moving boxes, working in the kitchen at events, setup and clean up for events and the list goes on). We need strong backs (moving tables, etc.) and willing hands. Please call the center or fill out the form below to add your name to a list that we can call when we need help for a short time.

PARK PAVERS

Pick up your form at the community center or call to have one mailed to you.

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Dance 9pm-1am
Party Favors & Breakfast provided
\$15 per person
For Reservations call 620-347-4220
Music by Johnnie Zibert Band

PARK

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN PARK: Please make note!!! Absolutely no motorized vehicles are to be on the walking path. The path was not constructed to support the weight of vehicles. Please report to one of the directors any instances of vehicles on the walking path or stop by and politely ask them to move their vehicles.

Reservations: While there is no charge for using the park, reservations for the shelter are necessary in order to ensure your family has full access to the shelter. A reservation packet can be picked up at the community center or you may call 620-347-4220 to have one mailed to you.

CONTRIBUTORS

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. Thanks to Elizabeth Strukel for a donation toward the picture displays at the center.

Thank you to Chuck Ales and Robert Brunch for their generous donation to the general fund. While the community center debt has been retired there are still many ongoing day to day expenses and we want to continue the programs that benefit everyone. We appreciate Chuck and Bob's understanding of the need to maintain our facilities as well as the cost of providing programs that benefit everyone.

We also are in need of general lawn and garden equipment such as a wheelbarrow, hand truck ,etc. We need general maintenance tools such as hammers, screw drivers, etc. If you have any of these items that you no longer need and they are just taking up space in your garage please consider donating them to the community for use at the park, community center and welcome sign. If we receive more than one similar item we will put the additional items in the Bargain Bazaar.

FCCI Board of Directors

At our annual meeting in January three seats on the board will be up for election. Please consider doing your civic duty and stepping forward for these very important seats. The board meets once a month and several committees handle day to day operations of the facilities. If you are interested in serving as a board member or on one of the committees please call the center.



FRANKLIN YEARLY REUNION
Mark your calendars: June 21, 2008
More news will appear in future editions of the newsletter

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OLDEST LIVING RESIDENT (current or previous resident)

Looking for the oldest living person who was born in Franklin or lived in Franklin at one time.
 If you think you are or if you know someone please call 620-249-9333.
 Born in Franklin: Joe Papez of Red Lodge, Montana (December 19, 1907)
 Resident of Franklin: **Lasota??**
 Can you beat either of these?

\$100 for 100 years

Help us remember the centennial in a special way. Donate \$100 to the endowment fund in your family name. Purchase a \$100 paver to be placed in the park. Donate \$100 for current maintenance, repairs & upkeep. Donate \$100 for future projects.

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. 6635.

<input type="checkbox"/> Help serve at Funeral Dinners <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare food for Funeral Dinners <input type="checkbox"/> I am willing to serve on the board or a committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Help in any way I am needed <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Historic Sidewalk I am unable to help but would like to donate \$ _____
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I'm sending \$100 in honor of my family for: (circle one)

Endowment Fund
 Current maintenance, repairs & upkeep
 Future projects

FAMILY NAME: _____

Please send me a paver form _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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