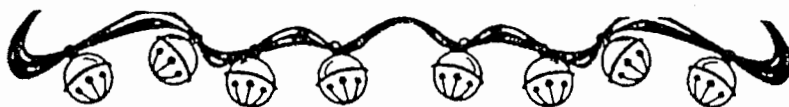


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Frankfort, IL



WINTER ON THE GREEN

Breidert Green

In the Historic Village of Frankfort

*Enjoy ice skating and many exciting fun events this "Winter on the Green"
Share hot chocolate and roasted chestnuts with you friends and family!*

Sundays, 1-3 p.m., February 5th and 12th



WINTER ON THE GREEN EVENTS



February 5, 1995

Winter Nature Demonstrations

Bird Feeding Techniques

Naturalist

Audobon Society



February 12, 1995

Valentine's Day Party on the Green

Winter Sleigh Rides

(share a sweetheart ride in a Winter Sleigh)

Photo with your Sweetheart

Valentine Basket Raffle, 2:30 p.m.



For more information call: 815-469-2177

FRANKFORT SQUARE LIONS CLUB

The Frankfort Square Lions Club presents a Family Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 4, 1995. Dinner will be served from 4 to 7 PM at the Frankfort Square Park District Building at Braemer and Benton (east of Frankfort Square Road and west of Harlem at Benton.)

Donations are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 5 to 12 years, and Free for children 4 years and under. In addition to raffles and door prizes, Leo the Lion will be on hand to greet you.

The Lions in our community help the community by offering 0 to 3 month infant screening for hearing defects; exams and glasses for sight impaired; exams and aids for hearing impaired; and large print books and other low vision instruments, soon, at the library.

ORCHESTRA SEASON OPENS

Something for everyone!!!

That is what the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra has in store for residents of the Chicago Southland this season, with a fabulous array of musical selections programmed by Music Director Carmon DeLeone.

Grammy award-winning pianist, Fred Hersch, will be the featured soloist on the February 18, 1995 concert. On March 18, 1995, audience members will be given the chance to relax for an evening of romance and revelry as the IPO features violin soloist, Elaine Skorodin. An American Renaissance musician, trumpet

virtuoso Vincent DiMartion, will be the featured artist on the April 8, 1995 concert. "Spectacular" best describes the May 6, 1995 orchestra concert. What better way to end the Illinois Philharmonic's 17th season than with a choral masterpiece, Bach's "Magnificat!"

To receive a free season brochure, or for any other information on the Orchestra's concerts and activities, call or write the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra at (708) 481-7774, 210 Illinois Street, Park Forest, IL 60466.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Rekruciak of Frankfort has moved his nationwide insurance agency to "The Cornerstone" at Harlem and Laraway Roads. Ron has been providing all lines of insurance for his customers since 1978. Stop by for a free insurance review or call 464-7100.

WORKSHOPS GALORE!!

Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau is proud to present the 3rd annual Festivals and Events Workshop on Wednesday, February 8, 1995 at the Best Western Homewood Hotel from 8 AM to 5 PM.

For further information, please call or write the Bureau at 20200 Governors Drive, Suite 202, Olympia Fields, IL 60461; phone (708) 503-1800. Please note: Registration Deadline is Friday, February 3, 1995.

FRANKFORT BOYS BASEBALL

The Frankfort Boys Baseball will be holding its final registrations for the upcoming season at Chelsea School on Thursday, February 2nd between 5 PM and 9:30 PM and on Saturday, February 4, between 9 AM and 4:30 PM. Children no younger than 5 years and no older than 16 years by August 1, 1995 are eligible to register. New registrants must provide a copy of their birth certificate to be kept by the association.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for children who will be entering Kindergarten in the Frankfort School District 157C in the fall will be held on Thursday, March 2, 1995. All children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 1995 are eligible for entry into Kindergarten for the 1995-96 school year.

Registration for all the district's incoming Kindergarten students will be held at Chelsea Elementary School. Registration hours will be from 9 AM to 11 AM and from 12:30 to 2 PM. If you have any questions concerning registration procedures, call the Chelsea School Office at 469-2309.

During registration, parents must furnish their child's legal birth certificate. Hospital certificates are not acceptable. Health forms, which must be completed for entrance into school, will be distributed and appointments will be set up for the Kindergarten screening to be held later.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Our happiest wishes to all of you celebrating birthdays during the month of February. Theresa Soiznoco will be 95 on February 8. Edna Klietz will be 95 on February 17. Margaret Lewandowski will be 93 on February 13. Gwen Pegram will be 89 on February 19. Hubert Daniels will be 88 on February 5. Helen Kowalczyk will be 85 on February 15. Isabella Gaines will be 84 on Valentine's Day, February 14. Isabella helps assemble the Frankfort News. Vivian Pannenbacker will be 82 on February 18. Margaret Scott will be 82 on February 22. Rosa Knieriem will be 82 on February 12. Clara Stellan will be 80 on February 5. Bill Shreffler will be 80 on February 16.

We wish you all the happiest and brightest of birthdays.

WILL COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Frank M. Desiderio, Will County Regional Superintendent of Schools, announced that he is beginning the annual teacher registration for the 1995-96 school year. All Will County school districts will receive their registration forms for certified personnel from his office within this month. Retired teachers and individuals not currently teaching can register their certificates at the Will County Regional Office of Education, 302 N. Chicago Street, Joliet. Forms can be requested by calling (815) 740-8360. Office hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Are you registered to vote? It is your right as a citizen to vote in elections. If you have not had an opportunity to register to vote and would like to do so, you must see a voting registrar. In order to vote in the April 4 election, the last day to register is March 6. Voter registration takes place at the Frankfort Library, 21119 S. Pfeiffer Road during regular library hours.

GET TO KNOW THE JAYCEES

Are you someone who has heard the name "Jaycees," but doesn't really know who they are or what they do? The Frankfort Area Jaycees, which stands for Junior Chamber of Commerce, are looking for people who want to get involved and meet new people. We do so many different kinds of projects, but we can't keep it up without people like you!

We presently have only 6 members from the Square and none from town. The rest live in other communities such as Orland, Plainfield, Mokena, etc. We can't believe that there are only 6 people in all of Frankfort and the Square who enjoy meeting people, helping others, and making themselves into better individuals!

Come meet us! We will be at the Chamber's Business Expo on March 18 and would be more than happy to talk to you about what we have to offer! Please stop by. For more information, please call Kim at 469-1723.

'WHERE ARE THEY NOW?'

The Frankfort Park District is seeking prior students of the park district pre-school. The pre-school is one of the longest running and most successful programs offered by the park district. It might be interesting to track a few of the prior students who attended in the early years to see how far they've come.

If you attended the Frankfort pre-school at least eighteen years ago, please call 469-PARK to receive a brief questionnaire. We will publish some of the responses at a later date. If your child attended and is no longer in the area but you would like to "brag" a little, please don't hesitate to call. This is all in fun; our own mini-version of the Frankfort Time Machine. Former instructors or helpers are also encouraged to respond.

The pre-school is only one of many offerings by the Frankfort Park District throughout the year. For information about this or other programs, check your program catalog or call 469-PARK.

FRANKFORT WOMAN'S CLUB

The Club will meet February 16, 7:30 PM at Chesterfield Savings. It is Craft Night!! Try your talents at Button Jewelry. You may be delighted at the results and add to your collection.

Chairperson is Jean Peterson. Hostesses are Lorraine Novak, Carmie Binnetti and Jo Ann Zungailo.

Anyone may attend. If you would like more information, call Jean at 469-6044.

THE DINNER BELL IS RINGING

Because the library in Park Forest is closed on President's Day, Monday, February 20, 1995, Chicago South Suburban Sigma Kappas will be meeting for dinner at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Matteson on Route 30 at I-57.

We take this opportunity, once a year, to treat ourselves to a night out of the kitchen. So, tell Dad to bring home a pizza and take care of the family while you get yourself pampered by helpful servers and enjoy a leisurely meal and an evening of fun.

Please join in the festivities. Call Maridell at 469-2537 to make your reservation by Wednesday, February 15.

CHICAGO SOUTHLAND CONVENTION
AND VISITORS BUREAU MEMBERS MAKE
CHRISTMAS GIFT DONATION

The Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau and its members donated over 100 Christmas gifts to Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, Inc. The gifts were collected at the 1st Annual Holiday Party at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel and Conference Centre on Wednesday, December 21, 1994.

Bureau members were asked to bring new toys or clothing donations for Aunt Martha's. Aunt Martha's is a 22-year-old private, not-for-profit, licensed child welfare agency. Through 50 programs, Aunt Martha's helps to prevent child abuse and neglect, and offers confidential and professional counseling services to

over 7,000 children, youth and their families each year in the Southland.

Aunt Martha's has over 1,300 children, newborns to 18 year olds, in ten residential programs and over 400 foster homes for children who have come from abusive parents.

The Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau is the second largest bureau for tourism in the state of Illinois representing 58 south and southwest Chicago suburbs, an area of approximately one million in population. The Bureau promotes the Chicago Southland as a travel destination and convention site.

GED TEST DATES

The Will County Regional Office of Education announces the dates for the GED test for the months of February and March of 1995: February 4 & 11, 6 & 8, 14 & 16; March 4 & 11, 14 & 16, 18 & 25 and 28 & 30.

Anyone interested may register for the GED test at the Will County Regional Office of Education, 302 North Chicago Street, Joliet. For more information call (815) 740-8360 weekdays, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Carlton Yoshioka, Audrey Yoshioka, Zachary Yoshioka, and Jami Yoshioka, family of Lois Hossbach and Christina Hossbach, granddaughter of Betty Hossbach for their help in the assembly of the January edition of the Frankfort News.

FRANKFORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

PAJAMA STORY TIME - Children between the ages of 3 and 6 years are invited to join us for a half hour of stories and activities at Pajama Story Time on Thursday evening, February 16, from 7 to 7:30 PM. Children are asked to wear pajamas and bring along a favorite stuffed toy. Remember that you must be a resident of the Frankfort Public Library District to participate in the Youth Services Department programs. Registration is required, so come to the library or call 469-2423 to register your child.

WINTER STORY TIME SERIES - The Winter Story Time is now in progress. The last day for the story time series meeting on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2 PM will be Tuesday February 28. The last day for the series meeting on Wednesdays from 11:30 to 12 noon will be Wednesday March 1. We will be reading favorite winter time stories, playing games and listening to music. This series is open to children who had their third birthday and have not yet had their sixth birthday. Choose the day that is best for you and register your child by coming to the library or call at 469-2423.

SATURDAY PROGRAMS - The dinosaurs are coming to the Frankfort Public Library on Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 AM when Christine Buik comes to present her program "Dinosaur Discoveries." She will be bringing a number of visuals to display, as well as some live animals (dinosaur cousins). This program will be for ages 4 and up.

Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Be sure to register for this program early by coming to the library or call 469-2423. Some exciting programs are also being planned for March and April, so mark February 11, March 11 and April 8 on your calendar.

DISPLAYS - The book display for February will be Valentine's Day books. Since there is such a large demand for these books, there will be a limit of one book per card.

DIAL-A-STORY - Have you dialed the library's Dial-A-Story recently? February's stories will include "The Mouse's Wedding," "Town and Country Mouse," "The Lion and the Mouse," and "The Hole in the Closet." Dial 469-9040 to listen to a favorite story.

SPECIAL!! SPECIAL!! - There are a number of special activities being planned for National Library Week April 9-15. The annual Create-A-Bookmark contest will be held at this time, with entries accepted from March 13 to March 25. The entries will be judged and displayed by April 7. Be sure to watch for further information on these activities in future news articles and at the library.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - The Library's Finance Committee Meeting will be January 28, 1995 at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room of the Frankfort Public Library, at 21119 S. Pfeiffer Road. The committee will review the midpoint of Fiscal year 1994-1995.

FRANKFORT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS - The Frankfort Public Library Board will meet on the

following dates in 1995 at 7 PM
in the meeting room of the Frank-
fort Public Library, 21119 South
Pfeiffer Road:

January 12, 1995
February 9, 1995
March 9, 1995
April 13, 1995
May 11, 1995
June 8, 1995
July 13, 1995
August 10, 1995
September 14, 1995
October 12, 1995
November 9, 1995
December 14, 1995

GENERAL BUSINESSFILE SELECT ON
INFOTRAC

The state-of-the-art in high
technology is being used at the
Frankfort Public Library to speed
patron reference service. General
BusinessFile Select - a single
reference tool covering business,
management and company information -
is now available on compact disc
via the InfoTrac System.

Business periodicals, the Wall
Street Journal, a business directory
and recent analyst reports on over
70,000 U.S. companies are integrated
into one all-inclusive database to
provide current coverage of ALL
aspects of the business world.
Patrons can: search specific com-
panies to maximize employment oppor-
tunities; - find current information
on new technologies and products; -
research the latest management
theories; look up current financial
status of companies and trends in
money management.

The database allows patrons to
search the most current two years

of over approximately 240 business,
management and trade publications.
Directory information for over
70,000 private and public companies
is also included along with the full
text of recent analyst's reports and
forecasts on U.S. companies included
in our Investext database.

The new reference system, con-
ceived and developed by Information
Access Company of Foster City, CA,
is always up-to-date because a new
database of the latest issues is
delivered monthly. The database is
recorded by laser on a compact disc,
which is similar to those used for
audio recordings.

Patrons simply sit at the com-
puter terminal, type in the subject
they wish to search, press a button
and almost instantly they'll see a
listing of articles on the subject,
directory information, and company
reports. The program will suggest
other related topics that the user
may wish to view.

Each article description con-
tains the headline of the article;
the name of the publication in
which it appeared; the author's
name, if the article is by-lined;
the page number on which the
article begins and its length; and
for many current articles, an
abstract appears. Investext reports
contain a table of contents and the
directory lists important facts
about the companies.

"Most patrons do not require
instruction in the use of the Info-
Trac system," states Judy Locke,
Head of Adult Services. "Much of
the information that is being

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sought today relates to very timely subjects. In areas such as business technology, banking, finance and investments, magazines, newspapers and business directories are our primary sources of current information. InfoTrac provides us with a system to search for timely information in a wide range of periodicals quickly and thoroughly. The system has greatly increased our ability to respond to patrons' information needs." For further information, please contact Judy Locke at the Frankfort Public Library, 469-2423.

REFERENDUM PUT TO VOTE

Tuesday, January 17, the Frankfort Park District hosted a meeting to coordinate a referendum for the April 4, 1995 election. The meeting was well attended by Frankfort citizens and members of community organizations who are interested in expanding the park district programs and facilities to support the unprecedented growth in the Frankfort area.

The referendum will not ask for a tax increase; rather it will be a refinancing of existing bonds. The \$2.5 million bond issue will use \$1.3 million to renovate the Old Junior High in downtown Frankfort into a community center for all ages. The additional \$1.2 million will be used to purchase land for a new 30 acre outdoor sports complex.

A Steering Committee was formed to coordinate the referendum efforts. Its members are Tom Dukes,

Sue Hecht, Rosalie Plechaty, Steve Purucker, Luise Renner and Darrell Stephen. Additional workers are needed for publicity, precincts, fund raising/business endorsements and election day committees. Anyone interested in helping with this effort is asked to phone Bernard Clausing, Executive Director at the Park District, 469-9400, or Nancy Neuzil, PR Consultant, at 469-9235. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. The committee feels if Frankfort residents work together to pass this referendum, the community center, as well as expanded Park District programs and facilities, can become a reality.

WINTER ON THE GREEN

Join us at Breidert Green on the following Sundays for some exciting Winter events:

February 5 - Winter Nature Demonstrations, Animal Tracking, Bird Feeding Techniques (make your own bird feeder) and Puppet show. Presentations by: Will County Forest Preserve and Thorn Creek Audubon Society.

Kay MacNeil will make a presentation on Blue Birds in the area.

February 12 - Valentine's Day Party on the Green. Winter Sleigh Rides, Valentine Cookies and Pictures will be taken.

Hot refreshments and a bonfire will also be part of the Sunday activities each week.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort Park District and the Village of Frankfort, Any questions, call, 469-2177.

FRANKFORT AREA GARDEN CLUB

The Frankfort Area Garden Club will meet Wednesday, February 22, at 7 PM in the Frankfort Area Historical Society, 132 Kansas Street. Note: This is a new meeting place. Following the guest speaker, prairie seeds will be distributed to persons interested in starting the seeds at home for spring planting in the Mokena prairie located off LaPorte Road. For more information, call Jan Page at 469-2278 or Joe Brousil at 469-4290.

VALENTINE BASKET DRAWING

Once again the Businesses in the Historical District are sponsoring a Valentine Basket Drawing on February 12th at the Valentine's Day Party on Breidert Green. You may enter by visiting any participating business in the Historical District (at as many stores as you like) and filling out the raffle entry form. The Valentine Basket is filled with wonderful items, certificates and food from your Frankfort Merchants. Any questions, call Geri Mullin at 469-4766.

FRANKFORT SQUARE BASEBALL LEAGUE

The Frankfort Square Baseball League will be sponsoring their Annual Candlelight Bowl again this year. The event will be held on Saturday, March 11, beginning at 9:30 PM. It will be held at the Orland Bowl on 159th Street in Orland Park. Tickets may be purchased for \$40 per couple. For tickets or further information, call Karen Morris, 469-3160. Join us for an evening of food, fun and prizes.

FINE ARTS CENTER

The grand opening of the Fine Arts Center at Lincoln-Way East promises to be just that.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for 7 PM on March 24. Construction people will formally turn the wing over to school officials at that time and a tour will then be conducted. Those who donated \$100 to have their names on special bricks in the entrance also will be able to look for them at this time.

On March 26, the new auditorium will open its doors to the community for a show that will blend the talents of current Lincoln-Way performers and some special alumni.

The exact program is tentative but goes something like this: The Lincoln-Way Choruses will welcome the guests and open for the second act, A Salute to American Stage. The trio of alumni performers features Sally Murphy, class of '80, Jeff Mattsey, class of '81 and Marie Michuda D'Ortenzio. The finale features Stephen Kummer, class of '89, pianist. Master of ceremonies for the evening will be Mark Suppelsa, class of '80, a reporter for WMAQ-TV in Chicago.

ARTICLES DUE

Articles for the March issue are due by Friday, February 18. They may be mailed to 105 Locust Street or dropped off by the front door in the Frankfort News box at the same address.

ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS AND
PRETEENS

Parents! Do you sometimes wish your teens and preteens could be sent away for a few years and then returned to you as cooperative young adults? Or maybe, do you want some direction on how to guide adolescents through their most troublesome years?

If you do, please join us Thursday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:15 PM at Hickory Creek School for Active Parenting of Teens and Preteens.

Beginning February 2, this six week course can give you the parenting skills you need to help you deal with your ever-changing child.

Based in practical theories of child psychology, Active Parenting of Teens addresses difficult subjects while building a firm foundation on the principles of cooperation, courage, responsibility, good communication and discipline.

This video-based group discussion program is free of charge - a parent handbook is optional for approximately \$12. (payable at the first class).

If you would like to know more about this program or want to register, please call Rosalie Plechaty at 469-2142, Sue Bartkus at 469-5835 or Family Connection at 469-5111.

FRANKFORT YOUTH COMMISSION

The Frankfort Youth Commission would like to extend an invitation to all residents of Frankfort to attend the first annual meeting on

February 21, 1995 at 7 PM in the Old Junior High School Building located at 110 Oregon Street. This event will offer the public an opportunity to both learn about the purpose and goals of the Commission and give input on how the Commission can be most effective in promoting the best possible environment for children and families in Frankfort.

Among the items on the agenda for the evening: Mayor Rossi will introduce the adult and teen members of the Youth Commission; review current Commission projects and plans for the coming year. Representatives from the Frankfort Park District will give a presentation and answer any questions regarding the proposed renovation of the Old Junior High building to create a Community Center. Those in attendance will have the chance to share ideas about how we can work together to encourage positive youth development in a growing community.

Adults and young people should make a point to come out to the Old Junior High School for what promises to be a great opportunity to share ideas with neighbors and members of the Youth Commission about how we can keep the well being of our families and children first as our community continues to expand and change.

For more information about the annual meeting, contact one of the following members of the Youth Commission Executive Board: Tom Ricker, 469-2177; Rosalie Plechaty, 469-2142; or Chuck Wanner at 469-1970.

DINE 'N DANCE

The Frankfort Area Jaycees will be holding their fourteenth annual "Johnny Star & the Meteors Oldies Dance" on Saturday, March 4, 1995. This year's event will again be held at the Tinley Park American Legion Hall located one block east of Oak Park Avenue on 175th Street. The doors will open at 7:45 PM and the dance will end at 1 AM. The cost for the event is \$21 per person or \$41 per couple which includes four hour open bar, all you can eat buffet and the live band.

Proceeds will benefit the POW-MIA Awareness Fund and Love Letters (for terminally ill children). Tickets are available at the door. For more information call Al at 469-6025.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED WITH HOMEWORK

Would you like to help your child do a better job on homework? Would you like to end nightly homework battles once and for all?

If so, Frankfort PTA would like to invite you to a Homework Workshop for parents, February 15, 7 to 8 PM at Hickory Creek School. This program, facilitated by Eileen Larsen, a teacher at Hickory Creek School, will present a practical 6-step approach to help your child take responsibility for completing homework every single night. To register for this workshop, please contact Rosalie Plechaty at 469-2142.

FRANKFORT PTA WINTER LUNCHEON

Join us February 28, at 12 Noon at the Frankfort Junior High for "everything you wanted to know about sports, but were afraid to ask!" Along with a delicious and nutritious (is that possible?) lunch, you will get to "bat" and "kick" around a few ideas to help you through the upcoming sport season with your children. A five person panel of local sports "experts" will "serve" you information to be the best possible "Sports Mom" you can be!

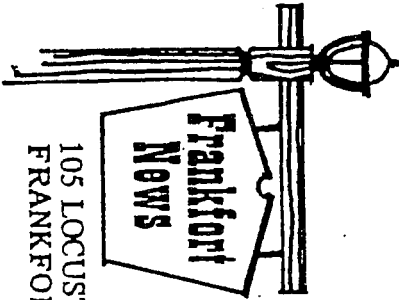
For more information, please call Rosalie Plechaty at 469-2142 or Kathy Rodie at 469-8164.

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Frankfort Girls Softball is announcing their registration dates at the Old Junior High in Frankfort, 110 Oregon Street on Saturday, February 11 from 9 AM to 12 noon, as well as on Sunday, February 12 from 6 to 8 PM. There will be registration for clinics at this time also. A copy of your child's birth certificate must be submitted at registration. If there are any questions, please call Dick or Maryann at 469-6960.

CONTINUED THANK YOU

Enrico's paid this month's expenses for the Frankfort News and we received a most generous donation from the Lions Club. George and Doris Sangmeister's and Merle & Geri Otto's contributions are noted too. We thank all of you!



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BULK RATE

POSTAGE

The postage (\$726.93) for this issue of the Frankfort News was donated by the First United Bank. This is the first time they have had the opportunity to pay the postage. We thank you.

SKI TRIPS

Lincoln-Way Ski Club has day trips planned for February 5th, 12th and 19th. All trips are \$48.00 and include bus transportation and lift tickets at Cascade, Devils Head or Tyrol Basin. We travel by coach bus and leave from Lincoln-Way East High School at 6 AM and return at 10 PM. You get a fun filled day of skiing and memories. High school aged skiers and adult skiers are welcomed - as well as families. For information about Lincoln Way Ski Club call 469-9494. Come and join us and enjoy winter.

FRANKFORT SENIOR CITIZENS

The Frankfort Senior Citizens will meet on February 11th at 1 PM in the Frankfort Park District Building on Nebraska Street. Cake and coffee will be served. There will be a short business meeting and the playing of Pinochle or Bunco. Join us for a fun afternoon.

VALLEY VIEW CARD PARTY

If you like to play Pinochle, join us on February 2nd, Thursday evening at 6:30 PM in the Frankfort Township Building on Route 30. Cake and coffee will be served after playing. This is for all ages.