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Wife, Mother, doting Grandmother, Sister, golf enthusiast,
dear friend, overseas nurse, Citizen of the Year, Parade
Marshall, Plan Commission member, St. Peter's communicant,
lover of community, park district founder, fondness for
entertaining and cooking, 4-H leader, civic and committee
worker, helper in naming the village tree and flower,
teacher of the skill of tatting, and creator and founder of

The Frankfort News

In Remembrance

Good-bye Dear Friend

AN ERA ENDS

"A group of interested citizens of Frankfort met at the home of Eris Rudman on Friday the 5th of October, 1973. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of starting a news letter or newspaper to keep the citizens better informed of activities within the Village of Frankfort. Those citizens were Ken Biel, Lois Bettenhausen, Geri Otto, Juanita Ewing, Mamie Bertoletti and Eris Rudman." So reads the minutes of the very first meeting of the Frankfort Times, later to be known as the Frankfort News. Contact was made with organizations, boards, and churches asking them to send in news items for publication in that first edition.

For the past 23 years, the Frankfort News has continued to meet this challenge set forth by the founding members. With the help of long time friends and the diligent efforts of Eris Rudman, who has guided the Frankfort News all these years, we have weathered a lot of storms. But the time has come because of money problems, it takes \$1500 per month to deliver the paper to you; growth of the Village, we now publish 6700 copies of the paper per month; more stringent postal requirements, necessitating more handling of the paper to get it to the post office; and lastly, the untimely loss of our editor-in-chief, Eris Rudman, with no one ready to step up at this point in time and continue in her stead; for the Frankfort News to stop its presses, cease to publish and quietly become a part of Frankfort's history.

So in the final analysis, we regretfully announce the end of a great era. The Frankfort News will cease publication with the July edition of the paper. We encourage everyone to use the final edition of the paper to its fullest. Keep those cards and letters coming in as you've done before!! If, however, there are any of you out there still inclined to contribute monitarily to the Frankfort News, we are grateful to you, but ask that you not send in that donation.

Our heartfelt thanks to you who have over these past years, given of your time, talents and money to help a dream come true. We met the challenge; fought the good fight; and through the efforts of ERIS RUDMAN gave the Village a much needed form of communication.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE PARK

There is still time to register for Camp Fun-In-The-Sun for 6-10 year olds and Munchkin Camp for ages 3-5. Camp begins June 10 so don't delay.

For the little ones who want to learn the fundamentals of baseball, ages 4-5, we once again offer Little Sluggers. First session begins June 25 with a second session July 23. A new environmental group for children: "Earth Rangers and Small Wonders" will begin on June 22 at Main Park Pavilion. Parents and children are invited to come and learn all about it. Young ladies are invited to a "Me and My Barbie Beach Party" on July 6. Registration deadline is June 21.

All NEW Open Gym Time at Frankfort Junior High for grades 4-8, Moms/Dads are also welcome, begins June 24. Check your brochure for schedules. It's also time to brush up for fall basketball by signing up for Basketball Camp (ages 4-13 years). Two sessions Soccer Camp begin July 8 for ages 5-17 years. Fall Soccer registration begins July 8 and ends August 1 for ages 4 years through 8th grade.

The park is also offering a Volleyball camp for 5th to 8th grade running July 15-19. Claire Donahue, coach for many AAU teams will be the instructor. She will bring excellent knowledge and skills along with some of her players to run the camps. Registration fee is \$45.00.

For those little ones ready to explore the world of computers, we offer Computertots for 3-5 year olds. Three sessions, first one begins June 17th. For our young magicians,

we offer Professor Prest's Magic School for ages 7-12. Class held June 26 and September 10.

Register now for tennis classes and tennis leagues, men, women, and youth. Golf Pro, Billy Rosina, offers Junior Golf Lessons beginning June 13 and Ladies Only Golf Lessons on June 11 and 13. Our Co-Ed Sand Volleyball leagues are also forming, play begins June 14 at Main Park.

A free seminar presented by George Gilbert of Wilmare Financial Group entitled "Should You Have A Mortgage or Pay It Off Early" will be held on June 13.

Seniors "Rules of the Road Review" held at the Park on June 14.

Please call the Park Office at 469-9400 for more information for the summer classes.

WE HELPED----BIG TIME!!

Thank you contributors of the Frankfort/Mokena Communities. On the May 11th FOOD DRIVE, there was 8,124 pounds of non-perishable food items were donated! Many items were brought to the Post Offices in Frankfort and Mokena and truckloads of food were picked up by the city and rural carriers. These collected items went to the Frankfort Township Food Pantry.

Thank you again to ALL who participated in the 1996 National Association of Letter Carriers National Food Drive.

POSTAGE

The postage (\$796.75) for this edition of the Frankfort News has been donated by Old World Auto and Frankfort Muffler.

FRESH FARM PRODUCE

Frankfort Farmers' Market happens every Saturday from 7 AM to Noon, June 1st through September 28th. Located in the parking lot on Kansas Street in Historic Downtown Frankfort, you can enjoy select farm produce, herbs, health foods, perennials, and a scissors grinder.

Also featured, art instruction on the Green by local Artist John Tylk from 10 AM to Noon.

For more information, call the Village Hall at 469-2177, Maggie at 469-2424, or John at 469-4310.

BEST TUNES IN TOWN!

Concerts on the Green are featured every Sunday, June 16th through August 25th at 6:30 PM at Breidert's Green in downtown Frankfort. June 16 features Bert Cattoni. June 23, it's Julie Chapman at 5:30 PM for the kids and followed by Whiskey Bent for the adults. Waterhouse appears June 30 and tap your feet on July 7 as the Joliet American Legion Band performs. July 14, listen to Banjo Buddies and July 21, J.W. Williams is a happening. July 28, Ann Perillo and her students entertain you and on August 4 at 5:30 PM for the kids, Dave Rudolph performs followed by Bopology. Jeff Mattsey and Marie Michuda make August 11 a memorable night of music, and the Lincoln-Way Theatre Guild, newly founded, entertains on August 18. The season ends on August 25 with music from the Outcasts.

Any other information can be found with the Chamber of Commerce at 469-3356.

SUMMER FUN

Palmer Park Baptist Church located at 8128 W. Lincoln Highway in Frankfort, Illinois will be providing an exciting week of fun and learning in "Adventure Week Day Camp" for children who have completed grades 1 through 6, July 22-26 from 9 AM to 5 PM daily. Recreation, Learning Labs, Crafts, Team Building Projects, Lunch, Snack and T-Shirt are included in the \$50 per child cost. The Maximum per family is \$125.

Registration for the camp is open now and parents can receive an information/registration packet by calling 469-0611. Enrollment is limited.

A GATOR ON THE GREEN?

Children, don't miss your chance to come sing along with Julie Chapman and her "Lil-Gators" the night of June 23 at the Concert on the Green. Julie, a Frankfort resident, will be performing songs from her latest Children's album, Allie Alligator and His Friends. Joining Julie will be several children from Frankfort, and together they will introduce you and your family to the magical world of Allie the Alligator. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU

We have received donations from Donald and Mary Lou Hinspeter, Herman and Marie Weichbrodt, Frankfort Farmers' Market and Friends of the Library. We thank you for your help.

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN

Dr. John J. Reilly and Staff are pleased to announce the opening of a new Dental Office at 640 Bankview Drive in Frankfort. Dr. Reilly, a Frankfort resident, has been practicing Dentistry for thirteen years in the towns of Riverdale and Lockport. The Office's state of the art design features the latest in technology, with the emphasis on patient comfort and safety. His patients know how to expect the same quality and caring at each visit, and the new facility will enable the practice to grow. Besides offering a wide range of services, Dr. Reilly's areas of interest are in the treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction and cosmetic dentistry. The Mission statement of the office is to enable patients to achieve optimal oral health, so they can keep their teeth in comfort, function, and esthetics for the rest of their life. Dr. Reilly can be reached at 464-0944.

CLASSES AVAILABLE

Peace Community Preschool, located at 130 South Route 45 in Frankfort, currently has openings in their 2½ year old and 4 year old classes.

Creative Beginners, for 2½ year olds, meets on Fridays from 9 until 11:15 AM. If interested please call Membership Chairperson Karen Parish at 485-6395.

Discovery, for 4 year olds, has availability in their afternoon class which meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:45 until 3 PM. If interested, please call Membership Chairperson Cindy Counter at 478-3421.

HOW OLD ARE YOU???

The Frankfort Public Library is "30 years old!" Happy Birthday from the Friends of the Library. By supporting "Friends" Birthday wishes can come true.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MISSION STATEMENT

The Friends of the Frankfort Public Library will support the Frankfort Public Library in meeting the educational, recreational, and cultural needs of the local community.

CASE STATEMENT

The Frankfort Public Library serves over 17,600 patrons in our community. Over 200,000 books, videos, audio tapes and CD's are loaned out each year.

The Library provides these services and much more on less than 2.5% of your property taxes.

Given the rapid change in technology and information in our world, is it any wonder that the Library can use a little help from its Friends?

OPEN PERFORMANCE CALL

We are seeking singers, ages 12 through adult, to participate in the Lincoln-Way Theatre Guild's production of "A Broadway Revue" to be performed on August 18, 1996 as part of Frankfort's "Concert on the Green" series. If you have interest, please plan to attend an open-call on June 19 at 7:30 PM at Frankfort's Heritage Hall located at 16 N. Hiclory, on the second floor, above the police station. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Lincoln-Way Theatre Guild's box office, at 464-7079.

SPRINGTIME AND OLD CARS

The Frankfort Car Club meeting of May 8th had the largest turn out of members in recent months. It's a sign that the weather is turning to Spring and Summer and everyone is thinking about getting their old cars out.

The club just recently returned from an overnight field trip to the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. A good time was had by all.

We turn our attention to the Car Show in July and our weekly Cruise Nights on Thursday at 7 PM in front of Rosie's Cafe at Routes 30 and U.S. 30. Join us on Cruise Night and ask our members about our monthly meetings.

FRANKFORT PTA

Special thanks to all the families who gave of themselves for the students this year. Because of your continued participation, we were able to make this a memorable year for the children. Those volunteers who helped in so many ways from working in the lunchrooms, classrooms and libraries to committee chairpersons who organized, phoned and labored have made a positive difference in the schools for all the staff and children. Those of you who supported our programs are also greatly appreciated. Thanks to your efforts we were able to donate pianos to Grand Prairie and Chelsea Schools and give two computer microscopes to be used at all schools. In addition, \$100 was given to each of the Physical Education Departments and \$500 to the Art Department. Any remaining funds will be used to pur-

chase computer software for use at all the schools. Thanks for a successful year! We couldn't do it without you!

PARK DISTRICT TENNIS PROGRAM

Teen Tennis League, ages 11 through 16, is for you if you know how to play tennis and want to try out your skills. League play is on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 AM at Lincoln-Way East campus starting June 6. Prizes and trophies and a pizza party are given on the last day.

Women's Tennis League is for the C and B level player. We play on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 PM beginning June 11 at Lincoln-Way East courts. A pizza party is planned for the last day.

Youth Tennis Lessons begin Monday, June 10 at Lincoln-Way East courts. Call the Park District for the starting times.

For more information, call the Frankfort Park District, 469-9400.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy June Birthday to all of you celebrating this month.

Suzette Kew will be 90 on June 6. Marion Fabre will be 88 on June 15. Mae Urbaniak will be 87 on June 16. Marie Juinagl will be 86 on June 13. Irma Winker will be 84 on June 1. Harold Schifler will be 84 on June 5. Dorothy Nord will be 83 on June 2. Alberta White will be 80 on June 8.

A beautiful day to you all!

ARTICLES DUE

Articles for the July edition of the Frankfort News are due by Saturday, June 15. Paper will be assembled on Monday, June 24, 1996.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 157-C NEWS

May 6 the Frankfort Board of Education held the first in a series of meetings planned to address the school district budgets for the next two years. The board will continue deliberations at the next public meeting June 10 at 6 PM at the District Office, 110 Oregon Street. Information will be forthcoming to Frankfort residents on a regular basis as decisions concerning the district are finalized.

Under the direction of School Guidance Counselor Bruce Falls and assisted by eight teachers and nine peer mediators, Operation Snow Flurry was held May 7 for fifth and sixth grade students. The focus of the program is to help preteens begin to look at the importance of relationships and self-esteem utilizing fun, yet challenging activities and games. Frankfort Junior High School students from Student Council and the Peer Mediator Program also had an opportunity to increase their sense of personal confidence and self-esteem, as well as building mutual trust and support within a group structure, through their participation in the Iron Oaks Adventure Program during May.

Congratulations to the following Frankfort Junior High Students who participated in the State Science Fair at the University of Illinois at Champaign May 3. Eighth grade student Lindsey Burge received an Outstanding Award at the state level for the second year in a row. Seventh grade students Allison Treftz, Paige Jarvie and Megan DeFelice all received Outstanding awards as first year competitors. Megan DeFelice received a special award and \$50 from the Junior

Science Academy for being in the top 30 out of 1,200 projects. She also received an award and a \$100 cash prize from the Southern Illinois Medical Association.

In only the second year of the program, Frankfort Junior High School had fifteen members who qualified for the IESA State Track Meet. They are Lauran Ridge, Ryan Early, Anna Thompson, Steve Krippel, Charlie Breedlove, Jeff Oberg, Ann Pappas, Lauren Canino, Jackie Tevere, Andrea White, John Cosich, Kelly McMahan, Amanda Jarmouluk, Brian Zimmerman and Rich Cristakes. Team coaches are Patrick Feehan, Sandy Laude, Ryan McWilliams and Pam Schaefer.

Congratulations to the Frankfort Tiger Band and the Lab Jazz Band who earned the highest possible rating, Division 1, at the State contest this spring under the direction of Danna Lee. The Summer Band Program will begin on July 16 and will run until the beginning of the school year.

Congratulations to Frankfort Junior High eighth grade students Chris Garvey who won first place in the Illinois Secretary of State's Drunk Driving Poster Contest and Matthew Sass who won a gold medal in full contact sparring at the Sixteenth Illinois State Junior Taekwondo Championship in Palatine. Matthew will represent the State of Illinois in the Blue Belt Division at the U.S. Junior Olympic Taekwondo National Championship competition in Orlando, Florida June 24-30.

Reminder: Frankfort Junior High School graduation will be held Friday, May 31, at Lincoln-Way East High School, 201 Colorado Avenue at 7:30 PM. Congratulation graduates!

CHOCOLATE LOVERS' ALERT

Looking for a new adventure? Then it is time for you to hit the trail, the Blackhawk Chocolate Trail that is. This is one trail you won't mind being lost on. You'll have the opportunity to visit a few of Northwest Illinois' finest creators of chocolate with plenty to see along the trail. At the end of the trail is a Chocolate Treasure. We head home feeling Chocolately Happy!

The tour includes roundtrip motorcoach, Rock River cruise, lunch and chocolate treats galore. The cost is \$48 per person based on a group minimum of 32 paying passengers. Full payment is due June 8, 1996. Call Isabella Gaines for further information and registration, 469-2269.

FRANKFORT SENIOR CITIZENS

The Seniors will meet on June 8, at 1 PM in the Frankfort Park District Building on Nebraska Street. We serve coffee and cake, have a short business meeting, and play Pinochle or Bunco. Why not join us for an enjoyable afternoon and see your friends and neighbors.

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Julie Belka, CCC-SLP, is a Speech Language Pathologist currently working in the schools. She is available for summer or after school private speech therapy. She is licensed and is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. For more information about Speech and Language Services, call 464-0302.

ANOTHER YEAR ENDS

South Suburban Sigma Kappas met for the final Chapter meeting of the 1995-96 year on Monday, May 20, 1996. The installation of officers was followed by a re-cap of our most successful reception tea honoring our National Council Officers. We entertained 43 people at high tea.

Best wishes were extended to our sister Jennifer and her fiance, Greg, who will be married in June. May your years together be filled with love, good health and sunshine.

As a grand finale to our most successful year, an ice cream social was hosted by Helen Wild and Joan Hutchison.

FAMILY --- IT IS IMPORTANT

The Frankfort Square Community Christian Church is having a series of special services stressing the importance of the Family. Sunday, June 2, is "Family Day" and any Family attending will be given a family picture. June 9 will be "Teen Day" with a special message by the youth minister Larry McManus. June 16 is "Father's Day" with an emphasis on the importance of Dad's place in the home. June 23 is "Kid's Day" with pre-teen children presenting special music. June 30 is "Baby's Day" which will conclude with a Baby Dedication Service. The services begin each Sunday at 9:45 AM. The church meets at the Indian Trail School which is located just north of Route 30 on Frankfort Square Road. We welcome your Family to share with us for these special times.

THE FRANKFORT YOUTH COMMISSION

In late April, our 6th, 7th and 8th graders were spoken to at school with all the latest offerings of the FYC. Any Junior High or High School teens that would be interested in joining the FYC's Teen Advisory Committee were asked to fill out a member information sheet and return it to the school or village. If your teen is interested and didn't fill out the sheet, just have him or her call the office at 469-2177. We welcome all teens! Do it soon, a one day orientation will be held for all incoming members in early June and our welcome meeting is June 8.

New volunteer opportunities are offered this summer to the teens. Assistant coaches, counselors in training and help at the special events are needed. This is a great learning experience and a valuable asset to the Park. This commitment could work for Confirmation hours or religious requirements and hands-on job experience. Call 469-9400 for information. The Park and the FYC will be sponsoring a "Battle of the Bands" on July 4th from 5-7 PM at Main Park. Teens, come on out and help judge the best!

Welcome packets will be ready for all new children moving into Frankfort in early June. These packets will be stored and given out by our principals and at the school administration offices. Call 469-2177 for more information. Thank you to all the children and teachers at 157C who gave their time and effort to make these packets.

The FYC's Bicycle Safety Program and Rodeo for our 4th graders turned out well even with our winter-like weather. Many members and organizations on the FYC supported this, to

teach our kids to be safe bicyclists this summer. Thank you!

The Babysitter Connection will be up and running in late May. If your son or daughter has completed a babysitting course successfully and would like to be contacted with parents looking for a sitter, just call the FYC office and we will set you up. If you are a parent looking for a sitter, call the office.

A free training for adults, "Youth and Trustees," will be offered June 14 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Irons-Oaks Adventure Center in Olympia Fields. This training is offered to any adult who believes that it is important to involve young people in service to their community. For registration and information, call Chuck Wanner at 469-1970.

June 1st is "Stand for Children" Day in Washington, D.C. This will be a day to commit ourselves to positive personal and collective action as families, citizens and communities. How can you celebrate this day in Frankfort? Understand and promote the FYC's mission on positive youth development. You can call the FYC office for more ways to stand up for children or you can greet young people with a smile when you pass them on the street. It's up to you - remember - there is no such thing as "someone else's child", they are ours.

Rosalie Plechaty is available this summer to make presentations on FYC to various groups, organizations, clubs, even homeowner groups. Find out about our mission, goals and how you can be a part of positive youth development in your home and in the community by calling the FYC office.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

An information session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 PM at the Frankfort Square Park District to introduce the Big Brother/Big Sister program. You can make a difference in the lives of our children by one to one summer mentoring, summer tutoring and with special activities and cultural enrichment.

Phone 1-800-725-KIDS for more information on this program.

STAMP COLLECTING

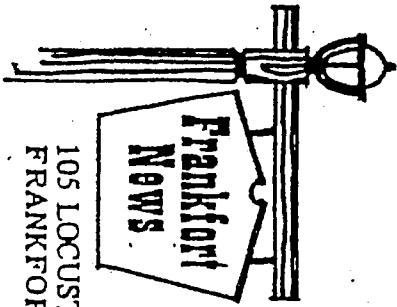
The Illinois Audubon Society sponsors a "stamp collecting" project as a small way of supporting its Sanctuary Program. The money obtained from selling the donated stamps goes into the Sanctuary Fund and is designated strictly for Illinois Audubon Sanctuaries.

More information concerning this worthwhile project may be available from Kay MacNeil at 469-1294.

VALLEY VIEW CARD PARTY

Why not join us for an evening of playing Pinochle on June 6 at 6:30 PM in the Frankfort Township Building on Route 30. Coffee and cake is served after playing. You may get a dollar if you have a good score or a small prize from the grab bag. This is not for seniors only.

There will be NO party on July 4.



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