

Frankford Cemetery Association News

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Restoring the Prairie

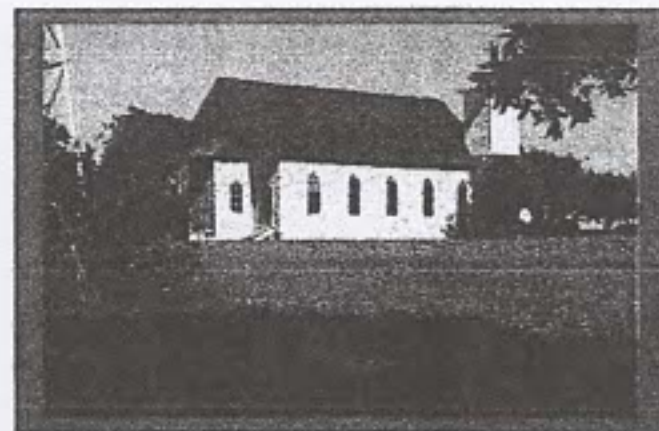
Visitors to Frankford during the past five months may have noticed two sections of our open fields we have stopped mowing. At the suggestion of Rosa Finsley, our landscape architect, we decided to allow certain areas of our site to return to their native prairie-like appearance. When we stopped mowing these areas in May we waited and watched to see what would happen.

About mid July I noticed what appeared at first to be a type of reed in the southwest corner of our western prairie area. While working with two helpers one day I almost asked them to remove these reed-like plants that I thought might not be native to the site. A few weeks later I showed Rosa these plants which by then had grown taller and developed a "turkey-foot" at the top of their tall, bluish green stems. To Rosa's delight she discovered that the "weed" I had almost eradicated is "big blue stem", a major grass of the tall grass prairie, that extended through the middle of the United States before agriculture and development made it virtually extinct.

Rosa further explained that there is very little big blue stem left today and it is very difficult to transplant. She smiled and said that at Frankford all you have to do to have big blue stem is to stop mowing.

We have now watched our Frankford prairie grow and evolve from late spring through a blazing hot North Texas summer. I am amazed at the resilience of these beautiful plants that were once part of the North Texas prairies that are now mostly a memory. Like our little church now completely restored, the prairie is gentle but strong, and given a chance will grace us with its simple beauty.

Kathy Wells Power



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Fall Dinner on the Grounds

Sunday, November 7, 2010

12:30 p.m.

Order your picnic meal on the form at the end of the newsletter.

Church Restoration

After a year of careful planning and work, the church restoration project is now officially complete. The FCA Board thanks our professional team of experts for the skills and experience they brought to this project and the special care they gave to every decision we had to make throughout the process of the restoration. Everyone concerned with the project was amazed with the strength of the little church. Although some structural matters were addressed like strengthening the foundation with steel rods and putting in a sub-floor, most of the project involved aesthetic needs, like painting and staining the interior and exterior.

The new, elegant landscaping around the church is not original, but appropriate to the site, as the plants are all native to Texas. The soft exterior lighting illuminates the little church beautifully at night while also protecting the building. The air conditioning units are carefully hidden and camouflaged so as not to distract from the church.

Our superintendent from Nedderman and Associates, John Walter, summed up the little church well when he said "She is gentle but she is strong." Indeed she is. We now feel confident that she is ready to serve the needs of the Frankford community for many years to come.

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Since our last newsletter, these association members have been laid to rest at Frankford Cemetery.

<i>Sean W. Rohlf</i>	b. 8/21/1983	d. 5/13/2010
<i>Zeryl Rapp</i>	b. 1/13/1925	d. 5/25/2010
<i>Adeline C. Boggs</i>	b. 1/24/1921	d. 8/12/2010

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of these members of the Frankford community.

Eagle Scout Project

For several weeks in August and September, Scout Steven Page has led a creek restoration project at Frankford. Steven, currently working to become an Eagle Scout, and his crew of fellow Boy Scouts removed non-native plants along the creek, transplanted some native trees along the creek to other locations on the Frankford site, and planted 18 Texas red buds along the edge of the creek for spring color.

This project of Steven's initiates the restoration of our creek area and other landscaping projects we have planned at Frankford. Another Boy Scout is ready to begin his Eagle Scout project at Frankford and we hope that in the future scouts can accomplish much of our landscaping projects at Frankford. It is wonderful experience for the scouts and an enormous contribution to our association as we work to preserve and maintain our lovely site.

Kathy Wells Power

Message from the Secretary

Since the introduction of our website, we have had several inquiries about Frankford, primarily from individuals interested in burial spaces. Several have been purchased since our last newsletter.

If you are a lot owner and wish to sell any of the burial spaces on your lot, please let me know and I will add your name to our list of lot owners who wish to sell spaces.

If you are a descendant of early Frankford families and wish to be buried at Frankford Cemetery, but do not yet have designated burial spaces, you need to take steps to make those arrangements while spaces are still available. Please contact me if you need assistance.

Patsy Sudden
Secretary

Dinner on the Grounds

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 7th, as we gather together for an informal time to visit with old friends and meet new members of our community. Box lunches are available for purchase using the form at the end of the newsletter. Please submit by November 4th to guarantee your meal, or you are welcome to bring your own picnic.

Cemetery Courtesy and Protocol

On Decoration Day weekend many Frankford families will visit the cemetery to place flowers on graves of loved ones. Some folks like to do a little gardening on their plots as well. With just one main access into the cemetery (the concrete drive in the

middle) it is easy for vehicles to get wedged in between other vehicles and unable to exit the cemetery. To avoid this frustrating situation the board asks everyone decorating graves or visiting the cemetery during Decoration Day weekend to follow this protocol:

Please park outside the cemetery if at all possible. If you must park on the drive in the middle of the cemetery, please no more than two vehicles on the drive at a time. Be alert to the need to back out your vehicle if the person in front of you is ready to leave.

Please, no vehicles on cemetery grounds (other than the concrete drive). Funeral home vehicles are the only vehicles allowed on the cemetery grounds.

Dinner on the Grounds Reply Form

In a return to simpler times, a picnic meal will be available for purchase **OR** you may bring your own food. The picnic box for purchase will include: sandwich, chips, pickle spear and a brownie. **Everyone will need to bring their own drinks and chairs or quilts for seating.**

RSVP for "Dinner on the Grounds"
Catered by Jason's Deli-for purchase

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010 12:30 PM

Please remit \$7.50 per person if purchasing a box and mark the box desired:

Smoked Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich Box: _____

Roast Beef & American Cheese Sandwich Box: _____

Ham & Swiss Cheese Sandwich Box: _____

Signature: _____

Make check payable to Frankford Cemetery Association and remit check and form to:

FCA
% Linda Spragins
9801 Wilkins Way
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Questions: 972-334-9997

RSVP Deadline: Nov. 4th