

City of Franklin
FALL 2008 NEWSLETTER

*Franklin Public Schools is recognized by the
United States Department of Education
with a “Blue Ribbon of Excellence Award”*

The President and Congress's education initiatives have stressed accountability for results for all students. The No Child Left Behind--Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors elementary and secondary schools whose students achieve at the highest levels and that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap.

Franklin is a 2008 recipient because our school is in the top 10% of the state in student performance on assessments and we've shown continued improvement over the past five years! This is a **HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT** and we are very proud to receive this prestigious honor. *Only 24 Nebraska schools have received this award over the past decade!*

We thank all of our students, their families, and our communities for their continued support!

For more information about the No Child Left Behind Act and its goals for improving education for every child, visit the No Child Left Behind--Blue Ribbon Schools Program web site at:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/index.html>

We are in the midst of planning a community celebration for some time in late October or early November. We will get the word out as the plans become finalized!

Franklin County Memorial Hospital Renovation & Expansion

Franklin County Memorial Hospital held ground-breaking on March 17, 2008 for a 17,500 square foot outpatient addition to the hospital. The \$4.1 million project was scheduled for a July 4, 2009 completion, now extended to August 15, 2009 as steel delivery was delayed. The project was funded with a \$1 million donation and \$3.1 million in county general obligation bonds.

Relocation of existing services of laboratory and cardiac rehabilitation will be completed, providing modern areas with space for service delivery. A CT Scanner will be placed in the building, improving a service now provided in the parking lot using a semi-trailer. Physical and Occupational Therapy will be moved on the hospital campus, adding Aqua-Therapy pool to accommodate the rehabilitation. Other building space will serve visiting physician specialists, accommodate diagnostic services, and create a new health room.

Visitors to the hospital will find a new parking lot to the south, handicapped accessibility including a new elevator for access to the existing hospital. This construction in the third step in the facility master plan, \$1 million in improvements were completed in 2002-2003, primarily updating the infrastructure of the 1952 building. A 1975 addition to the hospital has also seen renovation and improvements.

Franklin County Memorial Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital, designated in 2000. Also a designated Basic Level Trauma Center since 2005. The hospital operates three provider based rural health clinics (1994-Present) and manages an independent rural health clinic. Clinics are located in Campbell, Hildreth, Franklin and Red Cloud.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Franklin County Community Foundation Inc. was founded in 1994 and presently manages \$2.2 Million in estates, gifts, bequests, endowments, trusts and scholarships. A volunteer Board of Directors has partnered with Union Bank and Trust to invest funds and the Foundation operates on a nominal fee.

The Directors consist of Mike Lucas, Mike Naden, Stuart Wilsman and Jerrell Gerdes of Franklin; Kim Grams of Riverton; Thomas Moore of Bloomington; and Wayne Hinrichs of Hildreth. Bookkeeper is Debra Pedersen of Franklin and Vernon Duncan is the legal counsel.