

THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, NEBRASKA

COMMUNITY WELCOME PACKET



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WELCOME TO FRANKLIN!

The City of Franklin and all of our friendly residents want to welcome you to our community! We have put together this COMMUNITY WELCOME PACKET to provide you with information about our community that can get you up to speed a lot faster than having to find it all out by yourself. In addition, we hope that the information provided will encourage you to take the opportunity to patronize our local merchants, businesses and organizations so you will get to know them and what kinds of goods, services and activities are available right here in Franklin. If you don't find what you're looking for, be sure to ask to see if they can get it for you. We hope that you will "SHOP FRANKLIN FIRST!"

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Nestled in the rolling hills of the Great Plains of America's Midwest in the heart of the Republican River Valley, the City of Franklin is steeped in pioneer and Indian history, a city surrounded by fertile farmland, native prairie, springs and creeks that are lined with massive walnuts, elms and cottonwoods. Here in Franklin, good old fashioned home town values still exist, and it won't take you long to figure out why our town motto is "THE BEST OF THE GOOD LIFE!"

And by the way, Franklin is also a 'business friendly' community with the modern technology for telecommuting professionals, entrepreneurs and home-based businesses. We have several reliable forms of broadband internet access, including DSL, Cable and Fixed Wireless. Choices for cell phone service, access to most major shipping services, a low cost of living and a "low stress" life-style make Franklin an ideal spot to consider working from. All of these benefits come without the crime, noise, traffic jams and pollution of the big cities.

Named after founding father Benjamin Franklin and settled by pioneers, this is the true home where the buffalo roam and the land of the Pawnee. Some of the finest hunting to be found is right here, along with some of the most impressive migratory bird routes for geese, cranes and ducks which number in the tens of thousands in flocks that stretch as far as the eye can see. You will get to know the playful and sometimes boisterous wind that frolics across the prairie grass, the incredibly starry night sky undimmed by city lights and a huge full moon so close you can touch it. The great outdoors is here for all to enjoy!

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So "WELCOME TO FRANKLIN!" We sincerely hope you will enjoy living here in the Heartland of America as much as we do. If you have internet access, be sure to check out the City's website at www.franklinnebraska.com for more information about our fair city, and if you have any questions, need any additional information or help with anything at all, feel free to write, call, or email us.

YOUR QUICKSTART GUIDE TO LIVING IN FRANKLIN

UTILITY INFORMATION

Electric Service	City of Franklin	308-425-6295
Water Service	City of Franklin	308-425-6295
Sewer Service	City of Franklin	308-425-6295
Trash Service	City of Franklin	308-425-6295
Natural Gas	SourceGas	800-563-0012
Telephone Service	Frontier	800-921-8101
Cable TV	Pinpoint	800-793-2788
Satellite TV	DirecTV	800-217-9407
	Dish Network	800-333-3474
Cellular Service	Verizon/Alltel	800-255-8351
Internet	Frontier	800-921-8101
	Glenwood	888-756-4638

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND SERVICES

BICYCLING ORDINANCES

Bicyclers are basically expected to observe all traffic laws as do automobiles. A bicycle ridden at night must have reflectors and a proper headlight. Helmets are not required. Prohibited activities include: Hanging onto a moving vehicle, permitting other people to ride on handlebars, and riding more than two abreast. Detailed information is available at City Hall.

BURNING REGULATIONS

We appreciate clean air and fire safety, so no burning is allowed within the city limits. Outside the city limits in Franklin County is the jurisdiction of the Franklin County Rural Fire District. A permit is required from the Rural District's Fire Marshall in order to burn, which allows only the burning of tree limbs, brush and grass. For more information, contact the City of Franklin at (308) 425-6295.

For more detail on burning, visit the State of Nebraska's Department of Environmental Quality, at <http://www.deq.state.ne.us/> or call (877) 253-2603.

DOG REGISTRATION AND ORDINANCES

All dogs, no matter what age, if kept or harbored in the city limits, must be licensed each year. When dogs become six months old, they also must be vaccinated for rabies. Dog licenses are obtained at City Hall through the City Clerk. The fee is \$5.00 for male and neutered, \$10.00 for female. Documentation of a current rabies vaccination must be presented. The deadline for registering your dog each year is January 31. After that date, license fees are doubled to \$10.00 and \$20.00, respectively.

It is unlawful to permit any dog to go on or about the public streets, alleys or other places in the City of Franklin, except on a leash not to exceed ten feet in length, in an automobile or similar confinement and at all times under the control of a person.

RECYCLING

The City Recycling Center is located north of town on Highway 136 just west of the County Hospital. The Center provides recycling of newspapers, magazines, phone books, cardboard, plastic containers (number 1 and 2 only – see the recycling triangle with the number inside), aluminum, tin (rinsed and labels removed) and used motor oil. Occasionally, programs are announced for the collection of hazardous household waste (chemicals, paint, etc.), tires, appliances, scrap lumber and materials. Call (308) 425-1235 for more information.

Hours of Operation

Monday

7:00 am – 3:00 pm

Thursday

7:00 am – 3:00 pm

SIREN SYSTEM

The City of Franklin has a siren system that is part of everyday life in our town. Every Monday through Friday, the siren is sounded for 20 seconds at 7:00 sharp in the morning and 6:00 sharp in the evening. In a storm situation, the siren will sound steadily for 3 minutes in the event the City is under a severe thunderstorm warning or a tornado warning. In the event of a fire, the siren will sound in a ‘wildcat’ fashion (rising and falling tone) for 45 seconds between the hours of 7:00 am – 10:00 pm. Regular Test runs will take place every third Tuesday of the month and will last 20 seconds and every Tuesday the sirens will be checked to make sure they function properly.

TRASH PICKUP

Have your wheeled trash toter (obtained from the City) at the edge of the curb the night before. Make sure the handle of the toter faces AWAY from the street and that the toter is at least 5 feet away from any obstruction (like your mailbox).

East of Highway 10

Tuesdays

West of Highway 10

Fridays

For construction, remodeling and other projects requiring larger containers, the City offers larger dumpsters (three cubic yards) that can be delivered to your site. There are fees for delivery of the dumpsters and for each visit to dispose of the contents. Contact City Hall or the Recycling Center for more information.

TREE DUMP

The City of Franklin provides a place to dispose of trees, tree limbs, brush, leaves and grass clippings. The Tree Dump is located south of Franklin on State Highway 10 exactly 1.3 miles south of the Republican River Bridge on the west side of the road just past E Road. There is a City of Franklin sign on the gate. Grass clippings and leaves are to be dumped on the uphill side to the east and trees, limbs and brush are to be dumped in the big pile on the downhill side to the west.

Hours of Operation (April – October) Monday thru Saturday

7:00 am – 4:00 pm

The Tree Dump may be closed due to wet or cold weather conditions. Check with City Hall or the Recycling Center for more information.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE INFORMATION

In general, State regulations require that a new resident obtain a Nebraska Drivers License and register their vehicles within 30 days of moving to Nebraska. Visit the State of Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles at <http://www.dmv.state.ne.us/> for more detailed information.

Vehicle registration is at the Franklin County Courthouse in the Treasurers office. For information about driver's license applications and examinations, visit the Franklin County website at: <http://www.co.franklin.ne.us/content/driversexam.htm>.

THE CITY OF FRANKLIN – MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR	George R. Kleen – December 2010
CITY COUNCIL	Len Herrick – December 2010 (President) Richard Herrick – December 2010 Douglass Kahrs – December 2012 Rhn Jacobsen – December 2012
CITY ATTORNEY	Vernon Duncan

Note: The City of Franklin has a mayor-council form of government with all city officials elected to four year terms of office. City Council meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

CITY DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE	Diane Fries – City Clerk/Treasurer Raquel Felzien – Deputy Clerk/Secretary
CODE ENFORCEMENT	Lawrence Stover - Director
ELECTRIC	Mike Bower – Superintendent
LIBRARY	Linda Gooder – Librarian Donna Choquette – Asst. Librarian
MAINTENANCE AND SANITATION	Leroy Sweet - Director
PARKS AND CEMETERY	Debra Sue Headrick – Park/Cemetery Ray Haussermann – Park Diane Fries – Cemetery Secretary
POLICE	Bryon Detlefsen – Chief of Police
STREETS	Barry Rubendall – Commissioner Duane Eubanks – Equipment Operator
WASTE REDUCTION	Don Webber – Recycling Supervisor
WATER AND SEWER	Stan Muir – Director

HISTORY OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN

Archeological evidence indicates that thousands of years ago, the area around the City of Franklin and the Republican River was frequented by a nomadic people that were probably the forefathers of the Pawnee Indians. The name, "Pawnee" comes from the native word 'pariki; meaning 'a horn'; referring to their scalp-lock. The origin of the Pawnee tribe is a mystery. Pawnees believe their ancestors came from the American Southwest. Evidence suggests that they have been on the Central Plains for at least 500 years. The Pawnee long have been known as the "Wolf People." Wolves were respected for their cunning and courage.

Pawnees were the dominant power on the Central Plains. Their territory included large areas of present-day Kansas and Nebraska. In the early 1800s, Pawnees numbered between 10,000 and 30,000. There were four separate bands, and each functioned independently. One of the four bands is known as the Kitkehahki (pronounced KIT-ka-ha-key), or Republican, which settled in this area in the early 1800s. The Pawnee were known to engage in the farming of corn, squash and beans. They were also extremely skilled bow and arrow hunters of buffalo, deer and other small animals and birds. Although generally peaceful, the Pawnee frequently battled the Kaw, Osage and Sioux Indians, their arch-enemies.

The Pawnee entered into agreements to cede their lands to the United States Government in 1833, 1848, 1857 and 1872. In 1875 they were moved from Nebraska to the Pawnee Indian Agency. In the 1840's, with the opening of a trail through their country, European diseases, alcohol, and war with other tribes, their numbers were reduced to around 4,500. The influx of white missionaries contributed to the gradual abandonment of their ancient customs and religious ceremonies. Today the official count of Pawnee is put at just over two thousand, five hundred people, most of them located in Pawnee County, Oklahoma.

The first explorer in the area was probably Francisco Vasquez de Coronado in 1541. This Spanish explorer was looking for the mythical rich kingdom of Quivira. Coronado became discouraged when he was unable to find the hoard of gold he had been told about, and the Spanish, who claimed the land, eventually gave up exploration of the area. Although historians argue as to whether Coronado made it as far north as Nebraska, it would be hard to explain otherwise how a pair of Spanish stirrups were discovered by George Prather in the area north of present day Riverton on an autumn morning in 1874.

In 1806, American explorer Zebulon Pike was known to be in the area, meeting with the Pawnee Indians somewhere near Red Cloud. He described the area as a "hunter's paradise," thick with game. Mountain men and fur traders began to visit the area, taking advantage of the abundance of fur-bearing creatures and the profits to be made on pelts and hides. By the mid 1800s, as more and more westward migration began to take place, stores were opened, mail and delivery routes were established and pioneers began to settle land along the trails and creeks. The Pre-exemption Act in 1854 combined with the Homestead Act in 1862 enabled a settler to acquire 320 acres of land for a total cost of \$200 provided that the land was lived on for five years and improvements were made to the land. This incentive, coupled with the desire of many Civil War veterans to start a new life "out West," created enough population to propel Nebraska from a territory into statehood in 1867.

West of Red Cloud, the earliest attempt to settle the area was in the winter of 1866 and 1867 on Turkey Creek about four miles north of present day Naponee. This settlement was abandoned due to pressure from the Indians. After that, in 1870, several land companies (often referred to as 'colonies') were formed out of Omaha with the intent of identifying good land for settlements and profiting through the establishment of towns and selling lots and land. Several expeditions were arranged, and due to all the glowing reports coming out of these expeditions into the area about a land rich in wildlife, timber, tillable land and water resources, many homesteaders flocked to Beatrice (the location of the U.S. Land Office) to sign up for homesteads on land they had never seen. The Thompson Colony set up shop on Thompson Creek in the spring of 1871 which eventually became Riverton. The Knight Colony began settling Franklin City (founded in 1870 and named after founding father, Benjamin Franklin) in the fall of 1871. The Plattsmouth Town Company laid out a town a mile east of Franklin City and called it Waterloo. The initial post office for Franklin City was moved to Waterloo, but retained the name Franklin City, so Waterloo was never referred to as such, but was also 'Franklin City.' [Today, the City of Franklin resides somewhere in between the original Franklin City and Waterloo.] In 1872, another company out of Brownville, Nebraska was organized and subsequently located and settled the town of Bloomington, about 4 miles west of Franklin City. In just two short years, the population of Franklin County had blossomed from a mere handful to over 2,000 souls.

In 1871, Governor Butler proclaimed Franklin City as the Franklin County seat. In 1874 the county seat was removed to Bloomington (which, importantly, had become the site of the U.S. Land Office) by countywide vote. This was a devastating blow to Franklin City as many of the local businesses then moved to Bloomington as well. Franklin City proved resilient, however, and was eventually able to once again become the county seat in 1920.

The railroad arrived in Franklin City in 1879 and with it, more homesteaders and more growth. Descendants of many of these early pioneers and homesteaders still live in the area today. Franklin City grew steadily with the progressing times. The Franklin Academy was established in 1881, one of six Congregational Church academies in Nebraska, which was a prime contributor to the success of the City. Located in what is now our City Park, the Dupee Music Hall (built in 1902) was part of the Academy and is the only structure from the Academy that remains today. Franklin City, known as the City of Franklin today, was incorporated in 1883.

The Lincoln Hotel, located on the northwest corner of M Street and 15th Avenue in the downtown business district, was built in 1918 by the Nebraska Hotel Company. The hotel is of the Georgian Revival style of architecture, and is a rare, small town example of the 'Front Light Court' hotel type. Aside from providing pleasant quarters for travelers, these types of new hotels became the symbol of a prospering community with a bright future. It was especially favored by salesmen arriving by train to do business in the area.

Over the years, the City of Franklin has endured and overcome many obstacles, including a disastrous fire wiping out one third of the business district, economic downturns, a diphtheria epidemic, a tornado, droughts, and major floods. However, the resilience, optimism, pride and pioneer spirit still abound in the community, now and for the future.

HELPFUL COMMUNITY AND OTHER PHONE NUMBERS

COMMUNITY NUMBERS:

City of Franklin

619 15th Avenue

Franklin, NE 68939

Baseball Park: 425-3448

Chamber of Commerce: 425-6295

City of Franklin: 425-6295

City of Franklin Fax: 425-3304

City of Franklin: (After hours utility
emergency): 425-6231

City Attorney: 425-6273

City Clerk: 425-6295

City Fire Office: 425-3000

City Library: 425-3162

City Library Fax: 425-3500

City Police Office: 425-3752

City Pool: 425-6545

City Shop: 425-3393

Golden Living Center (Nursing): 425-6262

Golden Age Village (Asst. Living): 425-6848

Mid-Nebraska Community Services 425-3726

Recycling Center: 425-1235

Riverton City Office: 402-746-2256

Senior Citizens Services: 425-3724

Street Superintendent: 425-3393

Utilities Superintendent: 425-3393

Village of Bloomington: 308-775-2185

Village of Hildreth: 308-938-2471

Village of Naponee: 308-269-3155

FRANKLIN COUNTY:

Franklin Courthouse

405 15th Avenue

Franklin, NE 68939

Assessor: 425-6229

Clerk: 425-6292

County Attorney: 425-6258

County Court/Judge: 425-6288

District Court/Judge: 425-6202

Drivers License: 425-3350

Engineer: 425-3710

Extension Office: 425-6277

Franklin County Ag Center: 425-6854

Franklin County Museum: 425-3030

Head Start: 425-9990

Superintendent: 425-6283

Treasurer: 425-6265

Veterans Service Office: 425-3202

SCHOOLS:

Franklin Public Schools: 425-6283

STATE OF NEBRASKA:

State Patrol: 308-385-6000

Dept. of Motor Vehicles: 402-471-3918

Drivers License: 425-3350

LRNRD NRCS Field Office: 425-6276

U.S. GOVERNMENT:

Franklin Post Office: 425-3447

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA): 425-6276

MEDICAL:

Franklin County Memorial Hospital
("FCMH"): 425-6221

FCMH Pool Medical Clinic: 425-6249

Physical Therapy: 425-1213

Franklin Animal Center: 425-3703

Franklin Dental Clinic: 425-6241

Nadens Pharmacy 425-3319

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

All emergencies: 911

Franklin County Memorial Hospital: 425-6221

FCMH Pool Medical Clinic: 425-6249

Poison Center: 1 800-222-1222

Fire: Non-emergency: 425-6231

Police: Non-emergency: 425-6231

Sheriff: Non-emergency: 425-6231

CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Contact: Pastor Herman Keen
601 14th Avenue
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-3612

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP E- FREE CHURCH

Contact: Pastor David Johnson
1705 I Street
P.O. Box 203
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-3383
Email: djjohnson@gtmc.net

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Contact: Pastor Neil Kloppenborg
Email: nkklop@yahoo.com
Franklin Church: 1302 M Street
P.O. Box 152
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-6874
Email: franklinumc@frontiernet.net
Macon Church: 1491 Highway 10
Email: maconumc@frontiernet.net

FRANKLIN MISSIONARY CHURCH

Contact: Pastor Bryan Balasa
M Street West
1230 GH Road
P.O. Box 113
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-3163
Website: <http://www.franklinmc.org/>
Email: pastor@franklinmc.org

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact: Pastor Ron Kuehner
1206 N Street
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-3774

ST. KATHARINE DREXAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Contact: Father John Birkel
1006 O Street
Franklin, NE 68939
P.O. Box 764
Alma, NE 68920
(308) 928-2575

ZION AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact: Pastors Baron and Nancy Cole
1503 31 Road
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-3696
Email: bncole@gtmc.net

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

4 - H CLUB

Contact: Rhonda Herrick
Franklin County Extension
Franklin County Courthouse
P.O. Box 266
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-6277
Email: franklin-county@unl.edu
Website: <http://www.franklin.unl.edu>

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Contact: Barry Rubendall
1109 J Street
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-6537
6th Grade and up

BROWNIES (GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA)

Contact: Jessica Goosic
1235 M Road
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-3900
Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

CSI-FRANKLIN

Contact: Jim Gorman
P.O. Box 234
Franklin, NE 68939
Email: csifranklin@gtmc.net
(308) 470-1104
Volunteer organization for community growth and improvement

CUB SCOUTS (BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA)

Contact: Colette Christiancy
861 33 Road
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-9953
1st – 5th Grade

FFA (FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA)

Contact: Dave Rocker
Franklin Public Schools
1001 M Street
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-6283
Email: drocker@esu11.org

FRANKLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: Richard McNiff
619 15th Avenue
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 470-0007
Email: rmcniff@gtmc.net

FRANKLIN LODGE #264 ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

Contact: Jerrell Gerdes - PWM
1401 J Street
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-3011
Email: jfgerdes@frontiernet.net
Website: www.glne.org
Organized June of 1906, Chartered in 1907.
Meetings: 3rd Monday, 8:00 P.M.

FRANKLIN CHAPTER 213, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Contact: Lorraine Rogers
1401 J Street
Franklin, NE 68939
Meetings 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.

GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Contact: Debby Welton (3rd - 5th Grade)
(308) 425-8879 home
(402) 746-4598 cell
Contact: Deb Schamp (6th – 7th)
202 12th Ave.
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-9958

MACON LIONS CLUB

Contact: Dean Dallmann - President
Rural Route 1
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 938-3685

PEO – FRANKLIN CHAPTER BG

Contact: Phyllis Wentling
1070 Highway 136
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-3070
Email: phyllisw@gtmc.net

PEO – BLOOMINGTON CHAPTER P

Contact: Sandra Sindt
Rural Route 1
Naponee, NE 68960
(308) 269-2975

SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM

Contact: Shelley Kahrs
City of Franklin
619 15th Avenue
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-6295
Email: skahrs@frontiernet.net
Girls softball, boys baseball and T-ball in
May, June and July; registration in March.

**VFW POST 5757 – FOUR FREEDOMS
POST**

Contact: David A. Walton – Commander
206 10th Avenue
Franklin, NE 68939
(308) 425-3190

CITY AMENITIES AND THINGS TO DO IN FRANKLIN

CLARENCE MITCHELL BASEBALL PARK

Located on the west edge of town (Spur 31D at P Street), the City of Franklin maintains a beautiful baseball park. The Summer Sports Program utilizes the park and there are various other baseball and softball events that take place during the year that are open to the public. The park has a concession stand that is open during some of these activities. The park is also available for public activities like kite flying, Frisbee throwing, playing catch and throwing the football.

The Baseball Park is named after Nebraska's Mr. Baseball, Clarence Mitchell, who is a native of Franklin. Best known for hitting into the only unassisted triple play in World Series history (1920), Mitchell had a distinguished eighteen-year major league career and was among the top twenty-five hitting pitchers of all time. He is also the last of the 'spitball' pitchers.

Mitchell was born in Franklin in 1891 and played sandlot baseball throughout his childhood. After pitching for Red Cloud in the Nebraska State League in 1910, he signed with the Detroit Tigers in 1911. Following a disappointing rookie season, Mitchell pitched for the Denver Bears of the Western League. A good showing in an "All Star" game against the National League in 1916 led to Mitchell signing a major league contract with the Cincinnati Reds.

Playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1918 to 1922, Mitchell accumulated a 23-20 record, a 3.00 ERA, and a .253 batting average. His 1920 appearance in the World Series became legendary. Using his highly effective spitball, Mitchell was a bright light for the Philadelphia Phillies from 1923 to 1927, earning a 47-50 record for the last place team. Contending for a pennant with the Cardinals in 1928, Mitchell contributed eight victories at the end of the season. Toward the end of his career in 1930, with the New York Giants, he recorded his best season: an 11-3 record, the best winning percentage in the National League, and a .265 batting average.

After his major league career ended in 1932, Mitchell played and managed in the Pacific Coast and Western Leagues. He made his last professional pitching appearance in 1939 at age forty-eight. The Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame inducted Mitchell in 1953. Nebraska's Mr. Baseball died in Grand Island on November 6, 1963.

FISHING AND BOATING

Just up the road about 21 miles to the west on US Highway 136 is Republican City in Harlan County, Nebraska. There you will find Harlan Dam, which dams up the Republican River to create Harlan County Lake. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' project covering 31,000 acres, with 13,250 acres of water surface, Harlan County Lake is Nebraska's second largest. Considered some of the best fishing in Nebraska, Harlan County Lake is about nine miles long and has 75 miles of shoreline. The Corps maintains six established campgrounds, with the entire project open to public access. Truly a sportsman's paradise, Harlan County is home to excellent pheasant, quail, dove, duck, goose and turkey hunting. Also, there are raccoon, coyote, and bobcat along with outstanding whitetail and mule deer hunting. During the winter months, hundreds of Bald Eagles stop over at the lake on their annual migration. Check out the Harlan County Lake website at <http://www.harlanlake.com/> to explore the possibilities.

FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

Usually held in the first two weeks of July, the Franklin County Fair runs about ten full days and is one of the premier events that take place in our area. The Fair features carnival rides, 4-H Club and FFA livestock competitions and awards, livestock scrambles, tractor pulls and demolition derbies. Live entertainment, dances and a free barbeque along with lots of arts, crafts, cooking and baking competitions round out the attractions at this popular event. The Fair is held at the Franklin County Fairgrounds located one mile west of Franklin on J Street. For more information, call the Franklin County Extension office at (308) 425-6277.

FRANKLIN CITY PARK

Located at the northeast corner of 14th Avenue and P Street, the Franklin City Park has lots of amenities and activity possibilities for the entire family, featuring: public restroom facilities, BBQ grills, tennis courts, sand volleyball, a basketball court, sheltered picnic tables, a big playground, the Franklin Swimming Pool, Franklin Veterans Memorial, the Franklin Public Library, and the Dupee Music Hall (the last building remaining of the old Franklin Academy). Arrangements can be made with the City for large gatherings, and pets on leash are welcome (doggy waste bags are provided).

FRANKLIN COUNTY MUSEUM

Established in 1932, the Franklin County Museum preserves the heritage and genealogy of Franklin County with many displays of historical items. It consists of three separate buildings. The largest contains many artifacts and memorabilia from the area such as WW1 and WW2 uniforms, newspaper articles, pictures, letters, ammunition, honor ribbons and medals. Most of the artifacts are from Franklin County residents who fought for their country during many different time periods, and in numerous wars and battles. It also contains many pictures of the pioneers that founded and first lived in Franklin. A special exhibit is dedicated to the life and times of Pierce Lyden, famous ‘bad man’ of Hollywood’s old westerns. The exhibit displays hundreds of items from his movie years including his saddles, clothes, pistols, posters and pictures. Pierce was born in Franklin County.

The middle building contains what is called “Ol’ Towne.” It is designed to look like an old western township. Inside are old fire engines, antique tractors, horse drawn implements, tools, Indian artifacts, rock specimens, photographs, old farm items and many other articles that depict the lives of previous generations of Franklin County settlers.

The third building is the old Lone Star one room schoolhouse that was used in Franklin County from the late 1800s through the early 1900's. The schoolhouse was eventually moved to its current site on the Museum grounds and is decorated to reflect how it would have looked in its heyday. Many of Franklin County's residents were educated in this schoolhouse up until the building of the Franklin Academy and the new public school.

Overall, the Franklin County Museum has countless interesting artifacts, books, articles and pictures that definitely make it worth the visit. Arrangements can be made to open the Museum for special tours and facilities are available for private meetings. Admittance is by free will donation. Suggested admittance is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children. For more information, call (308) 425-3030.

Hours of Operation

Wednesday – Saturday

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

The Museum is located at 1309 H Road on the north edge of the City just east of the intersection of Highway 136 and Highway 10.

FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL

Located on the east side of the Franklin City Park, this Memorial honors the 72 Franklin County residents who gave their lives for their country and recognizes over 340 local service personnel. Consisting of an “Honor Wall,” the Memorial also contains an M60A1 Patton main battle tank manufactured in 1962, a Model M113A2 Armored Personnel Carrier manufactured in 1965 and an F-80 “Shooting Star” fighter jet manufactured in 1948 which was very active in the Korean War.

FRANKLIN FLYERS SPORTING EVENTS

Few things bring hundreds of community members together like Franklin Flyers athletics. The public and school boosters alike are welcome to attend any number of Franklin Public School sporting events that take place in state-of-the-art facilities, including the gymnasium (volleyball, basketball and wrestling), football and track fields.

Our school and community offer a full complement of 5th – 12th grade activities that keep student-athletes busy all year long. Little league sports for 5th and 6th graders consist of volleyball and football in the fall, basketball and wrestling in the winter, and baseball and softball in the spring/summer. We also offer flag football camps and basketball and wrestling clinics throughout the year for Kindergarten through 4th graders.

Our middle school and high school teams compete in a variety of activities as part of the Nebraska School Activities Association. Activity offerings for 7th – 12th graders include football, cross country, and volleyball in the fall, wrestling and basketball in the winter, and track or golf in the spring.

Flyer teams have enjoyed many successes in the recent past that include: 2007 Golf State Champions, 2006 Girls’ Basketball State Tournament Participant, 2005-2007 Football State Playoff Participant, multiple medalists from the 2007 State Track Meet, 2004 and 2006 Girls’ State Cross Country Participant, 2006 and 2007 Boys’ Basketball Conference Champions, 2006 Wrestling Conference Champions, and State Runner-Up finishes in Golf in 2004 and 2006.

School calendars and sports schedule posters are available at the Franklin Public Schools offices at 1001 M Street during business hours. While you are there, pick up some red, white, and black “Flyer Attire” to celebrate your school and community spirit! Also, be sure to visit the school website at: http://www.esu11.org/franklin/franklin_home.html.

If you are interested in supporting the school, consider joining the Franklin Activities Support Team (“FAST Club”), a school booster club that supports all Flyer activities from band to speech to FFA to all athletics. Family memberships are only \$20 per year and the money goes towards supplies and equipment for many successful programs. Contact Kristi Fritson at (308) 425-6215 or Connie Kahrs at (308) 425-6225 for more information.

FRANKLIN GOLF COURSE

Franklin Golf Course is a beautiful and challenging 9 hole public golf course located where P Street turns into Country Club Road at the west edge of town. It features irrigated bent grass greens and lush fairways with Center Creek winding through the course and coming into play on 7 out of the 9 holes. The Golf Course features a modern club facility with several TVs

(including a big screen), showers and socializing area. The Clubhouse offers sodas, beer, mixed drinks, snacks, popcorn and hot dogs. The facility is available for private parties or gatherings.

Family membership for a year is \$325, single membership is \$250. Cart shed rentals run \$100 per year for gas carts, \$125 per year for electric. Non-member green fees for weekdays are \$10 for 9 holes, \$15 for 18 holes. Weekends and holidays run \$12 for 9 holes and \$20 for 18 holes. Cart rental is \$15 for 9 or 18 holes. Cart drivers must be 16 years or older. Tee times are not required.

The Golf Course is open seasonally, generally from April 1 through October 31. The Golf Course is closed on Mondays until 12:00 noon.

<i>Clubhouse Hours:</i>	<i>Wednesday – Friday</i>	<i>12:00 noon – dark</i>
	<i>Saturday, Sunday, Holidays</i>	<i>7:00 am – closing</i>

Tuesday is Ladies League Night and Thursday is Men’s League Night. Every other Friday is Couples Night. During those times, the Golf Course is reserved but the Clubhouse is open to the public. For more information call (308) 425-3614.

FRANKLIN HIKE & BIKE TRAIL

Now in the planning stages with the land already set aside and the pathways identified, the new City of Franklin Hike & Bike Trail will guide you past the Downtown Business District, the Franklin County Courthouse, the historic City Park and then to a delightful nature trail along Beauty Creek that will have a wonderful Outdoor Classroom area. All told, the Trail will be approximately 3.5 miles of concrete hiking and biking pathways that will allow you to stay fit while you enjoy the City and the serenity of a tree lined walk along the creek. Drop by City Hall to check out the construction plans and the various trail routes.

FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Located at 1502 P Street on the south end of the City Park, the Franklin Public Library contains 14,000 volumes and has an average annual circulation of over 20,000. The Library is supported by City tax revenues. Library cards are free to all City residents and \$7.50 per year for non-residents. Library services include: Computers with Internet access and word processing software, copy machine, fax machine, microfilm reader/printer, interlibrary loans, used book sales and reference research.

In addition to books, magazines and newspapers, the library offers books on cassette, books on CD, videos, genealogy records, obituaries, toys and sports equipment that may be used outside in the City Park. Checks out periods are 3 days for videos and 2 weeks for all other items. Materials may be renewed at the library or by phone and there are fees for late returns.

Library programs and activities include a weekly children's story hour, summer film and reading programs and puzzles. For more information, call (308) 425-3162 or fax (308) 425-3500.

<i>Hours of Operation:</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>1:00 pm – 8:00 pm</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Closed</i>
	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10:00 am – 5:00 pm</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10:00 am – 6:00 pm</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>10:00 am – 5:00 pm</i>
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>9:00 am – 12:00 noon</i>
	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Closed</i>

FRANKLIN SOUTH PARK RV CAMPGROUND

Located at the southwest corner of State Hwy 10 and J Street is the City owned and operated RV Park. The RV Park has an all-weather graveled surface that can accommodate up to 5 full size RVs with 20A, 30A and 50A electrical service, water and sewer hookups and a free dump station. In addition, there are picnic tables for each RV slot, public restroom facilities and a playground area, all for a very affordable \$10.00 per day. Payment is made at a lockbox located at the RV Park.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Join other seniors over 60 years of age in a healthy atmosphere with nutritious meals, a caring staff and a friendly place to socialize. Located at 621-623 15th Avenue just south of City Hall, the non-profit Franklin County Senior Citizens Center is open five days each week. Congregate meals are provided, as well as home delivered meals for those who are unable to come. Activities include Bible study, exercise classes, coffees, entertainment, birthday dinners, holiday events, cards, billiards and bingo. Services include public transportation, housework, yard work, medical clinics, educational programs, legal aide and help with understanding federal programs. The Center relies on donations and wonderful volunteer work that truly make it “*Your Home Away From Home!*” The facility is also available for rent for family gatherings, meetings or other events. For more information, drop by and pick up the “Senior Informer” newsletter or call (308) 425-3724.

FRANKLIN SWIMMING POOL

Located in the Franklin City Park, the Franklin Swimming Pool is a real refresher in the summer months and a great place for the kiddos to expend some of their unlimited energy! Completed in 1992, the 32 foot by 82 foot pool offers many relaxing hours over the summer for the entire family. The pool includes both a low and high diving board, as well as a “baby pool” that is separated from the main pool. The pool is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Other items of interest regarding our popular pool are:

- Three certified lifeguards and a pool manager are on duty all the time
- Adult Swim and Water Aerobics Classes: Weekdays 5:00-6:00 PM
- Private parties available: Contact the pool manager
- Concession stand with candy and drinks is always open
- Swim Lessons: All ages and ability levels offered in the mornings and by private session
- Competitive Swim Team: Kids and adults

The Swimming Pool number is (308) 425-6545. Questions can also be directed to Pool Board Member, Connie Rocker, via e-mail at: crocker@esu11.org.

Hours of Operation:

Daily – 7 Days/Week

1 pm – 5 pm; 6 pm – 8 pm

GREENWOOD CEMETERY

The Greenwood Cemetery was established soon after the founding of the City of Franklin in the 1870s. Located on H Road on the northeast edge of town, the Cemetery is beautifully manicured with many walking paths and mature trees. For the historians and genealogy buffs, there are many interesting residents and tombstones that mark their final resting places. For families, there is serenity and peaceful contemplation. Cemetery plots are available for purchase. Contact City Hall at (308) 425-6295 for more information.

HUNTING

Franklin County is blessed with a fantastic array of hunting possibilities. If you are a landowner, there are whitetail deer, turkey, pheasant, dove and quail, just to name a few. There is also plenty of small game, such as rabbits, jackrabbits and squirrels. Check out the State of Nebraska Game and Parks Commission website at <http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/> for detailed information, including hunting seasons and hunting permit information.

If you aren't a landowner, there are plenty of outfitters that can get you set up for your favorite hunt. You can also arrange with some landowners in Franklin County to hunt on their land, but remember to never hunt without permission! Finally, there are public land preserves that allow hunting by the public.

NATURE AND WILDLIFE

Wonderful opportunities abound for the naturalist in Franklin County and South-Central Nebraska in general. There are wildlife viewing areas, preserved wetlands and public land for anyone who wants to get out into nature and enjoy the prolific wildlife and the tall grass prairie and Great Plains environment. This area also boasts one of the most incredible migratory flight paths and stopping points for sandhill cranes, whooping cranes and snow geese. At night, camp out and enjoy the billions of stars and crystal clear constellations, undimmed by city lights.

REPUBLICAN RIVER

Try some kayaking, canoeing or tubing down the Republican River below Harlan Dam. Check out this Nebraska Game and Parks Commission website for more information: <http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/boating/guides/canoetrails/canoe-rep.asp>. Tubing down the Republican River from July until August has become a popular form of recreation for all ages. As many as 50 groups of tubers have been sighted on the river. It requires only rubber tubes and requires no special skills. Canoe stops are available for rest. Tubers are required to wear life jackets for protection.

Take a leisurely drive and explore the county roads and old bridges that run close to and across the Republican River and the villages nearby: Inavale, Riverton, Bloomington, Naponee.

ROSE BOWL THEATER

After being renovated by many volunteers, the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce-owned Rose Bowl Theater began showing movies again in 1992. With its 250 seats, the theater offers quality entertainment in air-conditioned comfort for the entire family. The Theater is managed by the Rose Bowl Theater Board that consists of volunteer families.

Admission for up 5 years old: Free; 6 – 12 years old: \$2.00; Adults: \$3.00. Monday night show: Everyone is \$2.00.

Movie Showings:

Saturday

8:00 pm

Sunday

5:00 pm; 8:00 pm

Monday

8:00 pm

TAG ART GALLERY

The TAG Art Gallery is located on the southeast corner of L Street and 12th Avenue across from the Post Office. Different artists and exhibits are featured at the Gallery and various art classes are offered throughout the year. Private meetings and showings can be arranged as well. For

more information, contact artists Elaine Skiles at (308) 425-3628 or Mary Rubendall at (308) 425-3234.

Hours of Operation:

Thursday

1 pm – 4 pm

VALLEY GUN CLUB

Located about a mile west of Franklin on Highway 136 and then 2 ³/₄ miles north on 31 Road, the Valley Gun Club offers trap shooting, a pistol range and a center fire rifle range. The trap range has an electronically controlled, automatic target machine with cement shooting paths from 16 to 27 yards. The rifle range has 100, 200 and 300 yard distances and five solid cement shooting benches. The Gun Club is open year round and membership dues are \$20 per year. In addition to the typical range shooting, there are many classes and programs available that typically run from April through October, including the Young Guns 4-H Club, the Quail Forever Youth Mentor Program, hunting safety classes, the Ladies Only Trapshooting and various competitive events. Arrangements can be made for private shooting events. For more information, contact Steve Christiancy at (308) 425-6517.

POINTS OF INTEREST

DUPEE MUSIC HALL

Located in Franklin City Park to the northwest of the intersection of 15th Avenue and P Street, the Dupee Music Hall is the only remaining structure of the old Franklin Academy. The Dupee Music Hall was built in 1902 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Franklin Academy was sponsored by the General Association of Congregational Churches of Nebraska and was founded in 1881. Its main building known as Academy Hall was also the Congregational Church. Initially a three year school that started at the eighth grade, the curriculum later was extended to four years. The Academy eventually closed its doors in 1922 due to declining enrollment and a duplication of classes between the Academy and the public schools. The campus was deeded to the City of Franklin and is now the Franklin City Park.

GEOGRAPHIC CENTER OF THE USA

The Geographic Center of the Contiguous (or Coterminous) United States is pinpointed by a historical marker that is located within a small park near the town of Lebanon, Kansas. In actuality, the measured center is about 1/2 to 3/4 mile away on a private farm, but the owner did not want tourists trudging through his field, so the marker was placed as close as possible. There is generally an American flag flying on the pole exiting the top of the monument. Just to the south of the monument, yards away, exists a covered picnic area and small four-pew chapel where a couple can take wedding vows if they wish.

Take US Highway 136 23 miles to Red Cloud and then proceed south about 20 miles on US Highway 281 to Lebanon, Kansas.

HERITAGE HIGHWAY

The City of Franklin is located along Nebraska's "Heritage Highway." This highway runs for a total of 238 miles, from historic Brownsville on the banks of the Missouri River all the way to Edison along US Highway 136. Please visit the Heritage Highway website at <http://www.heritagehighway136.com> for more information. You may also wish to visit the State's website <http://www.visitnebraska.org/> for more information. Look under "Road Trips" and click on "Byways Itineraries." Then click on "Heritage Highway." There is a lot to do and see in our neck of the woods! Jump onto the "Heritage Highway" in June and join us for the annual Bargains on Byways, <http://www.bargainsonbyways.com>.

HOME ON THE RANGE HISTORICAL SITE

Home on the Range is the state song of Kansas. Dr. Brewster M. Higley originally wrote the words in a poem called "My Western Home." It is commonly regarded as the unofficial anthem of the American West.

This Historic Site is where Dr. Higley lived in Smith County, Kansas when he wrote the song in the early 1870s. The old cabin is located about 13 miles south of Franklin on State Highway 10 (which changes to State Highway 8 across the Kansas state line). Look for 90 Road. The entrance is marked with a sign and the road goes in about a mile or so to the west. Although it is a farm residence, visitors are welcome to come in to see the cabin and sign the Visitors Book.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Lookout Mountain is so named for its high elevation that gives it a commanding view over the entire area in all directions. Indian settlements have been found at the base of Lookout Mountain, including three ancient structures, the largest of which measured 36 feet in diameter with a 20 foot entrance. The construction consisted of a combination of dugout cellars, with a domed earthen exterior of sod with massive timbers used for support. Evidence reveals a diet of corn, beans and squash along with buffalo, deer, antelope, elk, turkey, prairie chicken, duck, rabbit, fish and turtles for the people of this ancient civilization. Unfortunately, nothing was able to be preserved of these discoveries. [Refer to "PAWNEE MUSEUM" below for more information.]

To find Lookout Mountain, go south of Franklin on State Highway 10 about 3 miles to D Road, then proceed east about 2 ½ miles. It's on the south side of the road. There is a place to park at the farm gate where you can let yourself in and walk to the top of Lookout Mountain. Be sure to leave the gate the way you find it!

NAPONEE OCTAGON CHURCH (NAPONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM)

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Naponee Octagon Church is one of the few octagon churches in Nebraska. Originally the First Congregational Church organized on May 15, 1881, ten years after the settlement of Naponee, construction of the octagon structure began in 1887. The dedication service was held on July 10, 1887, by the Reverend C. S. Harrison of Franklin. The Church building is now the home of the Naponee Historical Society, which contains exhibits related to actors David Janssen and Pierce Lyden, as well as Naponee memorabilia and Congregational Church artifacts. For more information, visit the website at <http://users.atcjet.net/p/psdesigns/naponeehist.html>.

PAWNEE MUSEUM

The Pawnee Museum is located in Republic, Kansas, about a 72 mile drive from Franklin. The Museum is dedicated to the Pawnee Indians that were the dominant power on the Central Plains. Their territory included large areas of present-day Kansas and Nebraska. In the early 1800s Pawnees numbered between 10,000 and 30,000. There were four separate bands, and each functioned independently. The Kitkehahki (pronounced KIT-ka-ha-key), or Republican, band settled here along the Republican River. The Pawnee long have been known as the "Wolf People." Wolves were respected for their cunning and courage. Check out their website at <http://www.kshs.org/places/pawneeindian/index.htm>.

PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM

Located about 30 miles north of Franklin on State Highway 10 in Minden, Nebraska, the Pioneer Village Museum is a large museum with many buildings to explore. Their collections and displays cover the time period from early pioneers and settlers in the 1800s until the present day, showing an interesting evolution of lifestyles, tools, inventions and gadgets over the years. It is definitely worth a visit to better understand life in the Great Plains area. Their website is <http://www.pioneervillage.org/>.

SCENIC RIVER ROAD

Take a leisurely drive that skirts the winding Republican River and enjoy the verdant farmland, bluffs, draws, river bottom, trees and wildlife. About a mile south of Franklin on State Highway 10, just south of the bridge over the Republican River, you can take the graveled road either east on F road towards Riverton or west on E Road towards Naponee.

WEBSTER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

This Museum is located in Red Cloud, Nebraska, about 23 miles east of Franklin on US Highway 136. The Museum is housed in a beautiful 1909 classic revival style brick mansion. The rich heritage of the early settlers of the county during the late 1800's and early 1900's is depicted throughout the four floors. There is also an excellent Genealogy Department, paleontology exhibit and archival collection of Webster County documents. Check out their website at <http://www.redcloudnebraska.com>.

WILLA CATHER STATE HISTORIC SITE

Also located in Red Cloud is the Willa Cather State Historic Site. The site is dedicated to famed American novelist, Willa Cather, who lived in Red Cloud, among other places. The site is located in the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank building. Built in 1889, it was erected by Silas Garber, the founder of Red Cloud (1871), the fourth governor of Nebraska (1875-1879). Cather archival materials are located in this building. The building was restored in the late 1950s by the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation.

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Franklin Abstract & Land Title Company
Phone: (308) 425-3654

AGRICULTURAL

Craig's Ag Supply
RR 2
Phone: (308) 425-6817

T C Ranch
Registered Angus Cattle
Phone: (308) 425-3675
Website: www.tcranch.com

Farmer's CO-OP Association
1204 15th Avenue
Phone: (308) 425-6255

Cline Seed & Farm Supply
Industrial Park
Phone: (308) 425-3617

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1705 G St.
Phone: (308) 425-6211

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802 16th Ave.
Phone: (308) 425-6252

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Phone: (308) 425-9916

Ingram Feed & Seed
1300 I Road
Phone: (308) 425-3200
Website: www.ingramfeedandseed.com

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12th Ave. & Hwy 136
Phone: (308) 425-3760

ANTIQUÉ SHOPS

Goldean's Collectibles
15th Avenue and J Street (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 269-3215

Macon's Bargain Barn
Highway 10 – Macon, Nebraska
Phone: (308) 425-3352

APPAREL

The Country Store – COOP
Phone: (308) 425-3177

Ingram Feed & Seed
1300 I Road
Phone: (308) 425-3200
Website: www.ingramfeedandseed.com

Mid Nebraska Community Action
Phone: (308) 425-3726

APPLIANCES

SourceGas
630 15th Avenue
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-6847
Phone: (800) 563-0012
Email: dick.chrisman@SourceGas.com
Website: www.SourceGas.com

ATTORNEYS

Duncan, Duncan & Walker, P.C., L.L.O.
702 15th Ave. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-6273 Franklin
Phone: (308) 938-4585 Hildreth

AUCTIONEERS

Grams Auctioneer
Route 1 Box 20
Upland, NE 68981
Phone: (402) 756-0213

Kort & Dallmann Auctions
Phone: (308) 938-3685
Email: ddallmann@hughes.net
Website: www.kort-dallmannauctions.com

AUTO REPAIR/PARTS/DEALERS

Bob's Auto & Truck Repair
704 15th Ave.
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3188

Franklin Auto Parts
(CARQUEST)
704 15th Ave.
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-6001
Toll free: (888) 425-6001

Jim's OK Tire Store
1514 K St.
Phone: (308) 425-6517

Paulsen Automotive Service
Paulsen - Stover Used Cars
723 15th Ave.
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3416

Shad's Auto Repair
1229 GH Road
Phone: (308) 425-6800
Email: ingram@gtmc.net

Smitty's Auto Clinic
1402 K St.
Phone: (308) 425-3349

Sweet's Garage
814 15th Ave.
Phone: (308) 425-6833

BAKERIES

Casey's General Store
16th Avenue & Q Street
Phone: (308) 425-9901

Rightway Grocery
601 15th Ave. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3233
Email: rightwaygrocery@frontiernet.net
Website: <http://www.rightwaygrocery.com/>

BANKS

Franklin State Bank
1502 M St. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-6225

South Central State Bank
600 15th Ave. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-6215
Email: scsb@gtmc.net
Website: <http://www.southcentralstatebank.com>

BARBER SHOP

Gary's Barber Shop
16th Ave. & L St.

BEAUTY SHOPS

Gerry's Beauty Shop Phone: (308) 425-3427	Magic Mirror Beauty Salon 613 15 th Ave. (Downtown Bus District) Phone: (308) 425-3101	His & Her Hair Affair 613 15 th Ave. (Downtown Bus District) Phone: (308) 425-6250	Heads-Up Salon 635 15 th Ave. (Downtown Bus District) Phone: (308) 425-3789
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CABLE TV / INTERNET SERVICE / SATELLITE TV

Cable TV: Pinpoint Communications Phone: (308) 697-3375 Web: www.pnpt.com	Glenwood (GTMC) P.O. Box 97 510 West Gage Street Blue Hill, NE 68930 Phone: (866) 756-4746 Web: www.gtmc.net	Satellite TV DirecTV Web: www.directv.com Dish Network Web: www.DishNetwork.com
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CAR WASH

B & D Car Wash
623 16th Ave.
Phone: (308) 470-0633

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Margaret Siel CPA
616 15th Ave. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3033

CHIROPRACTOR

Dr. Roy Wakefield
333 N. Minden Ave.
Minden, NE 86959
Phone: (308) 832-1000

CHURCHES

Congregational United Church of Christ
601 14th Avenue
Phone: (308) 425-3612

Franklin Missionary Church
1230 GH Road
Phone: (308) 425-3163

Evangelical Free Church
1704 I Street
Phone: (308) 425-3383

Grace Lutheran Church
1206 N Street
Phone: (308) 425-3774

First United Methodist Church
1503 31 Road
Phone: (308) 425-6874

St. Katharine Drexal Catholic Church
1006 O Street
Priest: (308) 928-2575

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mid Nebraska Community Services, Inc.
1406 L Street
Phone: (308) 425-3726

CONTRACTORS

Road, Highway and Heavy Equipment

Siel Construction
616 15th Ave.
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3346

Todd Schnuerle
Phone: (308) 775-3002

Neal Wentworth
Phone: (308) 425-3009

Electrical

Bill's Electric
203 10th Ave.
Phone: (308) 470-0633

Choquette Electric, Inc.
1815 O Road
Upland, NE 68981
Phone: (402) 756-0278

Carpentry

Richard Rose
Phone: (308) 425-3411

Bennie Carraher
Phone: (308) 425-3342

Dallman Construction
Phone: (308) 425-3073

Detlefsen Home Improvement
Phone: (308) 425-9923

Finishline Construction, Painting & Handyman
1702 M St.
Phone: (308) 425-6233

American Dream Builders
502 11th Avenue
Phone: (308) 470-1300
Email: dawalton@frontiernet.net

Plumbing

C & L Plumbing
1243 G Road
Phone: (308) 425-3647

Hermanson Plumbing & Electric, Inc.
216 S. Stewart St., Ste. 161
Campbell, NE 68932
Phone: (402) 756-8481

CONVENIENCE STORES

Casey's General Store
16th Ave. & Q St.
Phone: (308) 425-9901

Farmers CO-OP – Country Store
1601 M Street
Phone: (308) 425-3177

Pit Stop and Shop
102 16th Ave. (Hwy 10 & Hwy 136)
Phone: (308) 425-6556

CRAFTS

Crafty Quilters
Sew What's New Gift Shoppe
629 15th St. (Downtown Bus. Dist.)
3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm
Phone: (308) 425-3055

L Street Crafts
Phone: (308) 425-3195

Granny's Corner
Franklin County Senior Citizens Services
621-623 15th Ave.
Phone: (308) 425-3724

Originals Country Gifts
Phone: (308) 425-3025

Jerry and Son Woodcrafts
& Novelties
Phone: (308) 425-6821

DANCE

The Dance Shop
633 15th Avenue
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 928-3141

DAY CARE

Lucy's Daycare
320 13th St.
Phone: (308) 425-6837

Vonda Marks Day Care
1001 12th Ave.
Phone: (308) 425-6051.

DENTAL

Robert Money DDS
Franklin Dental Clinic
719 15th Avenue
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-6241

DRUG STORE

Naden's Pharmacy
1312 Q Street
Phone: (308) 425-3319

DRY CLEANERS & LAUNDRY

Franklin Laundromat
16th Ave. & L St.

Sew What's New Gift Shoppe
629 15th Street (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3055

EDUCATION

Head Start
713 15th Avenue
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-9990

Franklin Public Schools
1001 M St.
Phone: (308) 425-6283
Fax: (308) 425-6553
Email: lsidlo@esu11.org
Website: www.esu11.org/

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Casey's General Store
16th Ave. & Q St.
Phone: (308) 425-9901

Down Home Café
610 15th Ave.
(Downtown Bus District)
Phone: (308) 470-1252

Farmers CO-OP – Country Store
1601 M Street
Phone: (308) 425-3177

Frosty Mug
Phone: (308) 425-3613

Pit Stop and Shop
102 16th Ave.
(Hwy 10 & Hwy 136)
Phone: (308) 425-6556

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Cooperative Producers, Inc.
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Phone: (308) 425-6211

Farmer's CO-OP Assoc.
1204 15th Avenue
Phone: (308) 425-6255

Ingram Feed & Seed
Hwy 10 & I Road
Phone: (308) 425-3200
Website: www.ingramfeedandseed.com

FLOWER SHOP

Flowers-N-More
703 15th Ave. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-9988
Toll free: (877) 425-9988

GIFT SHOPS

Sew What's New Gift Shoppe
629 15th St. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3055

GROCERY

Rightway Grocery
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Website: <http://www.rightwaygrocery.com/>

HARDWARE

Plank's Best Value Hardware 102 16 th Ave. (Hwy 10 & Hwy 136) Phone: (308) 425-3711	S. E. Smith & Sons 702 16 th Ave. Phone: (308) 425-6233
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HEALTH/HOME/BEAUTY PRODUCTS

Mary Kay Phone: (308) 425-3092 Cellular: (308) 380-6295	Independent Watkins Associate Phone: (308) 425-3334
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HEATING

Duncan Welding and Machine Shop St. Croix Corn Stove Dealer 713 16 th Ave. Phone: (308) 425-3462	Farmer's CO-OP Assoc. Propane 1204 15 th Avenue Phone: (308) 425-6255
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INSURANCE

Dorn Insurance Agency 628 15 th Ave. (Downtown Business District) Phone: (308) 425-6281	Gary Thompson Agency Phone: (888) 645-1732	Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Phone: (308) 425-9900
State Farm Insurance 620 ½ 15 th Ave. (Downtown Business District) Phone: (308) 425-3721	Slocum Insurance Agency 1502 M Street (Downtown Business District) Phone: (308) 425-6225	

LAWN CARE

G & S Turf Pros Phone: (308) 425-3057	Classic Viburnums 1385 Q Road 33 Road @ Q Road Upland, NE 68981-5128 Phone: (308) 425-3057
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LAWN EQUIPMENT

Ariens Lawn Products
Ingram Feed & Seed
1300 I Road
Phone: (308) 425-3200
Website: www.ariens.com

LIQUOR

Pit Stop and Shop
102 16th Ave. (Hwy 10 & Hwy 136)
Phone: (308) 425-6556

LODGING

Plunk & Bunk Motel
104 16th Ave.
Phone: (308) 425-6269
Email: plunkandbunk@gtmc.net

LUMBER YARDS

Plank's Lumber & Building Supply 102 16 th Ave. (Hwy 10 & Hwy 136) Phone: (308) 425-3711	S. E. Smith & Sons 702 16 th Ave. Phone: (308) 425-6233
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MARTIAL ARTS

Sadie's Sidekicks Karate
633 15th Avenue
(Downtown Business District @ The Dance Shop)
Phone: (308) 470-0547
Email: srobinso@nebrwesleyan.edu

MEAT

Garvin Meats
1106 16th Ave.
Phone: (308) 425-9974
Website: www.prairiespride.com

Wistrand Ranch Free Range Pork
317 15th Ave.
Phone: (308) 425-8220

Rightway Grocery
601 15th Ave. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3233
Email: rightwaygrocery@frontiernet.net
Website: <http://www.rightwaygrocery.com/>

MEDICAL

Franklin County Memorial Hospital (FCMH) FCMH Pool Medical Clinic
1406 Q Street 121 15th Avenue
P.O. Box 315 Phone: (308) 425-6249
Phone: (308) 425-6221
Website: <http://www.fcmh.com>

MINI - STORAGE

J Squared Investments
Phone: (402) 756-0755

MORTUARY

Hutchins Funeral Home
1402 M St.
Phone: (308) 425-6872
Website: www.hutchinsfh.com

NEWSPAPER

Franklin County Chronicle
707 15th Avenue (Downtown Business District)
P.O. Box 271
Phone: (308) 425-3481
Email: frcochron@gtmc.net

NURSERY AND GREENHOUSES

Country Cat Greenhouse 11081 60 Road Smith Center, KS 66967 Phone: (785) 695-2243	Classic Viburnums 1385 Q Road 33 Road @ Q Road Upland, NE 68981-5128 Phone: (308) 425-3057
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OPTOMETRIST

Ed H. Alderman, OD PC
110 E. Hawthorne
Minden, NE 68939
Phone: (308) 832-0144

PET STORE

Ingram Feed & Seed
1300 I Road
Phone: (308) 425-3200
Website: www.ingramfeedandseed.com

Rightway Grocery
601 15th Ave. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3233
Email: rightwaygrocery@frontiernet.net
Website: <http://www.rightwaygrocery.com/>

PHARMACY

Naden's Pharmacy
1312 Q St.
Phone: (308) 425-3319

PHOTOGRAPHER

Bruning Photography
425 N. Colorado Avenue
Minden, NE 68959
Phone: (308) 832-0952

PRESCHOOLS

Head Start
713 15th Ave.
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-9990

Grace Lutheran Preschool
1206 N Street
Phone: (308) 425-3774

PRINTING

D & D Custom Screen Printing
425 ½ N. Colorado Avenue
Minden, NE 68959
Phone: (308) 832-1205

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Franklin Public Schools
1001 M Street
Phone: (308) 425-6283
Email: lsidlo@esu11.org
Website: www.esu11.org/franklin/franklin.home.html

REAL ESTATE

Dorn-Alberts Real Estate
628 15th Ave. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 470-0780
Email: aalberts@gtai.biz
Website: www.dorn-albertsrealestate.com

Sharon Freeland Real Estate
1502 N Street
Phone: (308) 991-3107
Email:
shari44@frontiernet.net

Century 21 Midlands
4407 2nd Ave.
Kearney, NE 68847
Phone: (308) 234-5550
Email: ron@century21midlands.com
Website: www.century21midlands.com

RECREATION

Franklin County Museum
1309 H Road
US Hwy 136 & Hwy 10
Phone: (308) 425-3030
Email: csifranklin@gtmc.net

Franklin Golf Club
Country Club Dr. & Spur 31D
Phone: (308) 425-3614

Franklin Public Library
1502 P St.
Phone: (308) 425-3162
Fax: (308) 425-3000
Email: frklnlbry@gtmc.net

The Art Gallery
1401 L St.
Phone: (308) 425-3628
Phone: (308) 425-3234

Valley Gun Club
P.O. Box 91
Hwy 136 & 31 Road (2 ¾ mi. N)
Phone: (308) 425-6517

RESTAURANTS

Black Powder Bar & Grill
1007 W. Hwy 136
Phone: (308) 425-9919

Frosty Mug
607 16th Ave.
Phone: (308) 425-3613

Down Home Café
610 15th Ave. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 470-1252

SENIOR SERVICES

Golden Living Center
Assisted Living &
Nursing Home
1006 M Street
Phone: (308) 425-6262

Golden Age Village
1100 K Street
Phone: (308) 425-6848

Franklin County Senior
Citizens Services, Inc.
621-623 15th Avenue
Phone: (308) 425-3724

Mid Nebraska Community
Services, Inc.
1406 L Street
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3726

SEWING AND QUILT MAKING

Sew Special
1421 M Road
Phone: (308) 425-3464

Sew What's New Gift Shoppe
629 15th St. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3055

Monogram Shop
Phone: (308) 425-3209

TAVERNS

Black Powder Bar & Grill
1007 W. Hwy 136
Phone: (308) 425-9919

THEATER

Rose Bowl Playhouse & Theater
611 15th Ave.
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3313

THRIFT SHOP

Mid Nebraska Community Services, Inc.
1406 L St.
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3726

TIRES

Jim's OK Tire Store
1514 K St.
Phone: (308) 425-6517

TRUCKING

Bislow's Landing
Phone: (308) 425-3311

Double L Livestock Express
Phone: (308) 425-3649

Jacobsen Trucking
Phone: (308) 425-3464

UTILITIES

City of Franklin
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-6295
Email: cityhall@gtmc.net
Website: www.franklinnebraska.com

SourceGas
630 15th Avenue
(Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-6847
Phone: (800) 563-0012
Email: dick.chrisman@SourceGas.com
Website: www.SourceGas.com

VARIETY STORES

L & L Variety and Gift Store
705 15th Ave. (Downtown Business District)
Phone: (308) 425-3368

Ingram Feed & Seed
1300 I Road
Phone: (308) 425-3200
Website: www.ingramfeedandseed.com

VETERINARIANS

Republican Valley Animal Center
(Located at Ingram Feed & Seed Building)
Hwy 10 & I Road
Phone: (308) 425-3703
Phone: (308) 928-2363

WELDING & METAL WORK

Duncan Welding and Machine Shop
713 16th Ave.
Phone: (308) 425-3462

James Customs
701 20th Avenue
Phone: (308) 470-1279
Email:
njames_79@hotmail.com

Webber Welding
272 Walnut Street
Bloomington, NE 68929
Phone: (308) 775-2013

WELL DRILLING

Watson Well Drilling
703 Road 1625
Red Cloud, NE 68970
Phone: (402) 746-3373