The Wendt Barn before disassembly

Barn being disassembled

We are pleased to report that to date we have raised over $27,000 for the barn project! Because of your generous donations of cash and/or time to the Franklin Historical Society's capital campaign for the barn project, Santa is very happy to report that the barn project is on schedule and within our budget. While dollar contributions are vital to our success, in kind contributions supporting our efforts and volunteers contributing their time and support to the farm family kick-off event, Packer raffle, 4th of July parade float and barn dance have created an awareness and spirit that cements our community and aids our building success.

As Franklin farmers know, you only buy what you can afford. The Franklin Historical Society is committed to that philosophy. We know what we want, and we know what we can afford. As most things are today, historical preservation and presentation is not cheap. And like hard-working farmers before us, we are not seeking frills. Our priority is to stay within our budget and follow a "pay as you go" plan to construct an historically accurate barn in Legend Park. The Wendt barn is now completely disassembled. With additional funds, when summer arrives, we will build!

In this season of sharing and good will, we invite you to remember the Franklin Historical Society and its mission to preserve our community's memories of yesterday. Perhaps you or a family member was one of the over 3,000 school children who attended "A Day at Whelan School in 1908," took part in our annual "Old Fashion Christmas Program" in St. Peter's Chapel, or visited our historic buildings at a weekend open house. Perhaps you'd like to memorialize a loved one or take advantage of a 2012 charitable tax deduction. If you wish to support the barn project and our efforts at this time, we would be pleased to accept your donation.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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