## 2019 July Franklin Historical Society Newsletter



## **Barn Museum Construction Started!**

The ten year project that has greatly challenged the Franklin Historical society in many ways is moving forward and will be completed this summer. This barn will be a "living museum" of Franklin's farming family history. The purpose is that of education. There will be many displays to demostrate how our farming families worked and lived in the 19th and 20th centuries.

We do have the funds to compete the building. To do so is has taken all of the money from our capital barn museum fundraising account, and had to be supplemented with most of our normal operating account leaving the FHS with barely enough money to cover regular operating expenses.

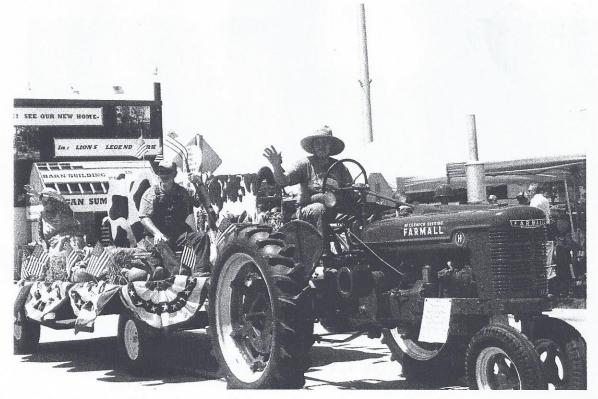
We do need to raise more funds. Those of you who have donated in the past, and those who have considered to do so please now it the time to help.

Donations of \$1,000 or more will receive special consideration in the barn museum. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Call Jim Luckey at 414-421-6539 or email <a href="mailto:luckeyjim@yahoo.com">luckeyjim@yahoo.com</a> with any questions.

You can sent your checks to:

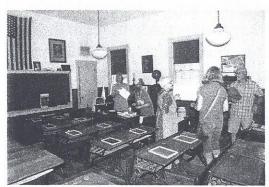
Franklin Historical Society Barn Raising Project PO Box 320012 Franklin, WI. 53132

## Franklin Historical Society's Fourth of July







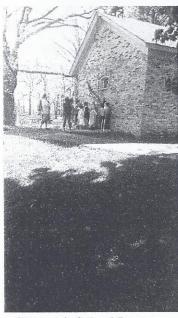




FHS Float in Franklin's Fourth of July's Parade and nearly 100 guests toured our buildings



Library Book Sale



Children's School Program



**Town Hall Picture Display** 



Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt



Franklin Historical Society's Annual Meeting



St. Peters Chapel Tour After Music in the Park



Town Hall Open House Fourth of July

FHS volunteers at the Library book sale, Whelan School program, Town Hall picture displays, open houses, Lions Easter Egg Hunt, annual meeting, open house after Music in Park & Fourth of July Parade & open houses.



Pictured here is Eric Vesel of Vesel Contractors and his crew working on our barn museum project.

Eric has helped and stayed with the FHS for years to finish the job. He has found ways to keep the cost down with in kind donations of materials and equipment. Thank you Eric.

**Welcome** - New Members Bonnie Kotlewski and Diane Wacholz. Very pleased you have joined us, and looking forward to meeting you.

Our next open house is Sunday July 28 after Music in the Park in Lions Legend Park that starts at 2 PM and ends approximately at 3:30 PM. Further concerts are on August 11 Little Lake Stompers (Jazz) and August 28 the Swing Nouveau (Big Band).

Ken Gawrisch offered this expression - "Many hands make light work". **Thank you** - For the parade float: Tractor - Robert & Mary Goetz, driver - Ken Gawrisch: the Cow Herd - Eddie & Tina Schaefer. Float preparers: Dale & Barb Pforr, Greg Jenks, Ray Lenz, Ken & Sue Gawrisch & Bob Storm. Float riders: Debbie Jacobus, Greg Jenks (the Farmer) & Sue Gawrisch.

Undecoration crew: Dale Pforr, Greg Jenks, Kurt & Jeanette Gawrisch & Ken Gawrisch.

Site preparation: Weed cleaning - Don Anderson: Light Pole illumination Ray Lenz; City of Franklin Grass crew for excellent trimming by buildings. Sign post for buildings step one installed - Bruce Kiefer.

Buildings docents: Chapel - Jim Luckey: Cabin: Joan Thompson: Town Hall: Bob Storm, Doug Schmidt & Dale Pforr: School: Barb Pforr,

Debbie Jacobus, Robin Moorhead & Sue Gawrisch.

Pictorial memories: Marian Luckey.

## In Memoriam

The FHS society lost a valued member Dora Anne Sargent in June. She was born in Yorkshire, England, an MPS teacher and an avid traveler.

Jim Luckey - President Franklin Historica Society