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Message from Supervisor



Jim Moustis, Supervisor

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There's a new way to travel around Frankfort Township.

The Dial-A-Ride service now uses vans for most trips instead of buses.

The change came in early November. The vans are more economical than the buses, particularly if there are just one or two riders in a single trip. They also are easier to maneuver through traffic.

The buses also were

more expensive to operate. Although they actually were owned by an arm of the PACE transportation system, the township paid 95 percent of the cost of running the buses. The vans now are leased by the township for \$100 each per month, and PACE maintains each vehicle. The township could save as much as \$30,000 a year by using the vans.

And the riders like the vans. The vehicles

are brand-new and much more comfortable for the passengers.

One thing hasn't changed: the Dial-A-Ride service still is an extremely affordable way for residents to travel around Frankfort Township. Without it, many people who are senior citizens, disabled or have a lower income would not be able to leave their homes.

Frankfort Township Officials

Supervisor : James Moustis	Assessor: Joseph Kral	Township Board: Meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays
Trustees: Bruce Ebert Nick George Greg Griffin David Smith	Highway Commissioner: Bill Carlson	Board Workshop: Follows the meeting on the 1st Monday
	Clerk: Nella Piccolin	Planning Commission: Meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of the month

Scary Karaoke: Frankfort Township's Halloween Party



Friends for more than 60 years, Don Cantwell of Joliet and Jerry Campbell of Manhattan were costumed as Elvis and a swashbuckling pirate.

The nun won. Dressed as a Dominican sister, Elaine Kuzlik of Frankfort Township won first prize for best costume at the Oct. 19 Halloween and Karaoke Party.

With her wimple, Bible and ruler, Kuzlik really looked the part.

“Normally I don’t

dress up,” Kuzlik confessed. But after earning the most applause from the large group of partygoers, she walked away with an enormous basket of mums.

“Don’t be afraid to dance!” urged DJ Peggy Jean Yunker of Peotone as she searched for a song in the karaoke ma-

chine.

Judy Totosz of Frankfort brought a special treat: a cream cheese dip with peppers, pomegranates and cherries.

“Nothing but the best,” she said, raising her glass to everyone at her table.

Snow Plow Season

The Frankfort Township Highway Department is prepared for snow.

“We have plenty of salt,” Highway Commissioner Bill Carlson said.

There’s roughly 4,000 tons of salt wait-

ing to be spread on the township’s roads, he said. That’s more than usual.

“Normally I have 2,500 tons, but last year was such a mild winter that I have extra,” Carlson said. The township typically uses about

2,000 tons of salt each winter, he added.

About half is stored in the township’s dome. The other half is in Mokena’s dome. “We’re prepared,” Carlson said.

“We have plenty of (road) salt ... Last year was such a mild winter that we have extra” —

Highway Commissioner
Bill Carlson

Nella Piccolin Appointed Frankfort Township Clerk

Nela Piccolin is the new clerk of Frankfort Township.

The township trustees chose to replace Marguerite McDermed, who won a seat on the Will County Board during the Nov. 6

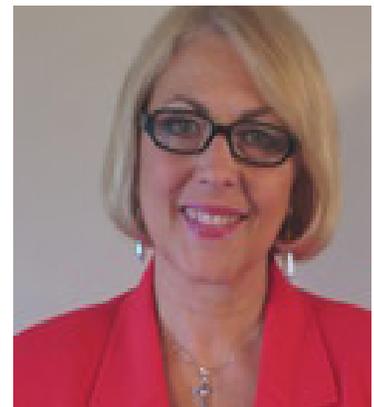
election.

During the trustees’ Nov. 13 meeting, McDermed explained she could not hold both positions and must resign as clerk.

Piccolin will serve

until the end of April to complete McDermed’s unexpired term.

A Frankfort resident, she is a former township trustee and county board member.



New Frankfort Township
Clerk Nella Piccolin

Little Ones at Frankfort Township's Lunch with Santa



Frankfort Township!

The first-ever lunch with Santa was held 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 8 in the Frankfort Township Building's Community Room, 11000 W. Lincoln Highway, Frankfort. The cost \$5 per child and includes lunch from Meatheads restaurant,

photo with Santa and goodie bags for all.

Each child had lots of time to tell Santa about their Christmas wishes. Parents and grandparents brought their cameras and took plenty of photographs. Fun was had by all the children, parents and elves.

Electric and Gas Bill Assistance

Are your energy bills getting out of control?

If you have a low income, help might be available.

Applications are taken at the Frankfort Township Building from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on the first

Wednesday of each month for two great programs: the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Percentage of Income Payment Plan. LIHEAP offers a one-time payment for either the gas or electric

bill or for both bills. PIPP will pay a portion of the bills on a monthly basis.

For more information, call (815) 722-0722, extension 3.

Senior Citizens, the needy and the disabled can request help with their gas or electric bills by coming to the Frankfort Township Building on the first Wednesday of each month.

Local Girl Scout Works Toward Gold Award by Helping Pets

Michelle Housh loves animals.

And she knows that other people feel the same way but might have trouble paying for their care.

So to earn the Gold Award, the highest honor

for a Girl Scout, she collected donations of pet supplies for dogs and cats, packaged them beautifully and brought them to Frankfort Township for distribution through the

food pantry.

Housh will donate more next year.

"I am still counting cans of cat food!" the 17-year-old said.



Girl Scout Michelle Housh



(Clockwise, L to R) Huge stack of boxed food in the township building; Organizing the donations; Unloading the massive haul.

Boy Scouts Make Biggest-Ever Donation to the Frankfort Township Food Pantry

More than five tons of non-perishable food was delivered to the Frankfort Township Food Pantry in early November courtesy of the Boy Scouts from the Rainbow Council.

The Scouts collected so much canned soup, spaghetti sauce and other necessities that it took days to unpack it all.

“This was extraordinary,” Frankfort Township Supervisor Jim Moustis said. “It was the largest donation of food ever received by the

township.” The young people who were involved are students in the Summit Hill School District, said Rich McCully, Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop No. 237. They did the work as part of Scouting For Food, a national project.

“The Rainbow Council jumped on board this year,” McCully said.

In the first phase of the project, the kids dropped off a bag with an attached instruction sheet to every home in the school dis-

trict. On Nov. 11, the scouts and their parents drove past each house and picked up the now-filled bags waiting by the homes’ front doors, said Joan Peterson, a parent volunteer with Troop No. 237.

They were amazed by the community’s generosity, she said.

“We had a lot of food,” Peterson added.

In the end, 20,000 pounds of food had been donated.

The donations then were taken to Lincoln-Way North High School. The Scouts and their families neatly organized and packed everything into boxes that had been donated by Tootsie Roll Industries.

“The hope was it would be something good. But we didn’t realize how good it would be,” said McCully, adding that the Scouts want to expand the project next year.