



KFRW Newsletter

July 2026

President's Message

Keystone FRW celebrates our 8th Anniversary this month, on July 26. We formed our club on that date in 2018 with 16 charter members and 4 associate members. We have much to be proud of over these 8 years, the relationships formed, the recognition we now get in our community, and accomplishments too numerous to list here. **Happy Anniversary KFRW!!!**



KFRW members survived another *not as hot, but very wet* **75th Watermelon Festival** on Friday & Saturday, **June 19 & 20**, our 6th appearance for the annual Watermelon Festival parade and having a booth. The parade crowd loved our Betsy Ross float, winning us **Best Patriotic**, and we gave away hundreds of red, white & blue beads, pencils and American flags to parade watchers. See page 4 for a recap of both the booth and parade, and a list of KFRW members who participated in one or both.



At our June 22nd meeting, we heard from both **Jim Norton** and **Luke Murphy**, both candidates for District 2 U.S. House of Representative. At our July 27th meeting, we will hear from the last two of these candidates, **Keith Gross** and **Austin Rogers**.

Our **club meetings, socials and events** provide a great opportunity **for ladies and men** you know to see the benefit in getting involved in a grassroots group like KFRW—others who align with their values. *Please invite others to come to our meetings and join our heels and boots on the ground to put America First with wins in 2026 for local, statewide, and federal races—all Republican candidates!!*

Let's show up for the 250th July 4th Celebration here in Monticello at the J.C. Football Field. Gates open at 5 pm with food vendors, 6:30 Welcome, 6:45 Declaration of Independence read, 7:00 Bill Rigsby Band, 8:15 Baby Gray, and Fireworks show at 9:15.

Your Volunteer Hours for January – June 2026 is due NOW, please email to me or drop off by July 6.

See you at our **8th Anniversary Party** on July 25 and the meeting July 27! *Happy Independence Day!*

Lynn S

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Membership Committee Update

We welcome a new associate member, **Martin Markovich** (Elizabeth's husband), who joined at the June meeting.

Don't miss the next club social, KFRW 8th Anniversary/3rd Quarter Social: Saturday, July 25, 5:30 pm, Lynn McGrady's home at 5370 Lake Rd. Bring a covered dish to share. Wear your club shirts or a red top so we can get a group shot! If you missed the Sign-up Sheet, please **RSVP** to **Tracy Boyce** by **July 22** at **850-322-9548**.

All KFRW members are encouraged to attend quarterly socials and feel free to invite a guest, a time to get to know each other better.

New Member gatherings are for new members (joined recently) or potential members to learn more about the club. Current members can attend, but with a guest!

2026 Membership: We currently have 54 paid primary members and 24 associate members.

Annual dues each calendar year: Primary Members \$50 and Associate Members \$25.

For ladies, the 1st/3rd Wednesday lunches and 2nd/4th Thursday dinners are a great way to introduce potential primary members to KFRW.

***"Each One Bring One
and Watch Us Grow in 2026"***

KFRW Merchandise

As we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, go to the website and see the new 250th items: [flags](#), [shot glasses](#), [patriotic signs](#), [serving tray](#), [notepads](#), [child's bead kits and dog tags](#), which will make great gifts and items to add to your collections. Check them out and help our club with fundraising!

Pictures of items available (*limited quantities*) to purchase & sell to your family & friends on the [KFRW Website](#) by categories:

[Cowboy & fedora hats](#), [baseball caps](#), [card cases & reading glasses](#), [bumper stickers](#), [magnets](#), [buttons](#), [flags](#), [bracelets](#), [brooches](#), [earrings](#), [scarf holders](#), [lapel pins](#), [ties & tie bar](#), & [tile & paracord bracelets](#).

Contact Lynn Stafford to obtain items, to answer any questions, or offer suggestions. ■

KFRW Committee Updates

For committee info and purpose of each, refer to each on the KFRW [website](#), and reach out to the committee chair.

The expectation is all members will help at club events, as available, when called upon by the committees.

Achievement Awards/Volunteer Hours – The Volunteer Hours are **NOW DUE**, if not already, please total your hours for Jan. – June 2026 and submit your [Volunteer Hour Log form](#) via email to **Lynn S.** or drop off at Lynn's home. **Hours are DUE by July 6th.**

Hours count when you attend a KFRW meeting or event, research work for a committee, phone calls to discuss meetings or issues, attend JC REC, Commission, and State meetings, write letters... Travel time included. Hours count for associate members, too. All information can be found on the [KFRW website](#). Questions? Please contact **Beth Young**, Chair.

Community Outreach – Constitution Alive!

"The Citizen's Guide to the Constitution" is a popular video series filmed in Independence Hall and begins July 4 at [Providence Church](#) (210 W Washington St) on Saturdays, 9-10:30 am, thru Sept. 26, facilitated by **Bill Snyder**.

[Register here for this free class!](#)

Elections – 2026 Local Races:

School Board (Non-Partisan) will be decided during the Primary Election, Aug. 18th.

D2: Donnie Burdick (R) v Jamia Bradley (D) & Miranda Gilley (D)

D3: Brenda Wirick (R) v Shirley Washington (D)

JC Board of County Commission:

D4: Austin Hosford (R) v Lois Howell-Hunter (D)

Mail ballots will be mailed beginning July 4. ~ **Janis Morrow**, Chair

Events & Fundraising – With the Watermelon Festival now behind us, we all need to lend our feet and hands to getting Republicans elected during the Primary Election, August 18th. ~ **Lynn Stafford**, Chair

Programs – Mark your calendar—August 24th Speaker: **Peter Schweizer** & *The Invisible Coup*.

Public Relations –

Note: If you take photos at events, *please forward via text/e-mail to Annaliese or Janis and Lynn S. ASAP.*

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Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



“America, Celebrating 250 Years!” (theme rather obvious) was the June raffle basket, provided by **Dotty McPherson** and won by **Al Cooksey**, a guest, but no stranger. The basket raised a whopping \$196!!!



2026 Raffle Baskets
remaining:

July - "Turn the Ordinary into Extraordinary!"

Theme is up to the adopter Carol Miller/Jewel Anderson

August - "I Love Fall Most of All" Catherine McNeill

Fall Theme

September - "In Pie We Crust" **Lynn McGrady**

Locally Made and/or Homegrown

October - "Let Freedom Ring" Beth Young

Patriotic / Election Theme (Red, white & blue items)

November - "Tis the Season to be Jolly!"

Christmas Theme **Janis Morrow**

[You can pair up with another member for a basket and bring new and/or unused items to contribute to other baskets.]



KFRW Parade entry coming around the Courthouse. Tracy & Dusty Boyce, Bill Snyder and Annaliese Mincy in the lead.



July Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

7/12	Gage Ogden
7/13	Don Eslinger
7/20	Catherine McNeill
7/24	Donna Champion
7/25	Harry Mulhearn
7/31	Diana Mulhearn



Calendar of Events



Diva's Tribute to the Troops

Friday, July 3, 8 pm
Monticello Opera House



Jefferson County Celebration

Sat., July 4, 5 pm to 9:15 pm Fireworks
JC Football Field, S. Water St.



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 5:30 pm
Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St



Bylaw Review Committee

Friday, July 10, 10 am
Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St



KFRW 8th Anniversary

3rd Qtr. Membership Social

Saturday, July 25, 5:30 pm, Potluck
Lynn McGrady's Home 5370 Lake Rd



KFRW Membership Meeting

4th Monday, July 27

Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm
American Legion, 1065 S. Water St

**Speakers: Keith Gross & Austin Rogers,
Dist. 2 U.S. House of Rep. Candidates**



~ KFRW 2026 Watermelon Festival Recap ~

By Lynn Stafford, Events & Fundraising Chair

KFRW Booth & Volunteers: Thank you to **Janis Morrow** and **Brannan Salter** for help with loading & hauling heavy items from my home to our booth location on Friday, our check in time was 9:45. **Brannan, Janis, Tracy & Dusty Boyce** and **Lynn McGrady** all helped with set up of the tent, tables, rug, and displays, and hauling bins from my car, with heavy winds making setting up the tent and securing difficult at times. **Janis** and **Lynn McGrady** each went to get cement blocks for added weight for the tent poles. We joked; we could have sold a pallet of cement blocks to booth vendors that morning!



Lynn Stafford, Lynn Wojciechowski, & Susan Anderson
~ The Calm Before the Storm on Saturday, June 20th, 2:30 pm ~

Once the tent was secure, **Lynn McGrady** and **Carol Miller** helped with set up and display of the merchandise. *On Friday* after 3 pm, others who helped at the booth were: **Abby McGehee, Jewel Anderson,** and **Lynn McGrady**. The two Lynns closed up the tent for the night and left at 9 pm. *On Saturday:* **Jewel** and **Lynn S.** opened up the booth at 8 am and was open before and during the parade. After the parade, **Jewel, Carol M, Abby, Susan Anderson, Lynn Wojciechowski,** and **Damien Lovatto** helped at the booth.

Trying to beat the rain, **Lynn S., Damien, Susan, Lynn W.** began packing up the merchandise and dismantling displays. **Bill Snyder, Brannan, Jessie Bright** and **Mike Lovatto**, assisted with the tent, yet the wind and rain came too quick. All of us were wet and we loaded in the rain. **Bill** hauled items and unloaded at my home. *Thank you all!!*

If you didn't stop by the booth, KFRW was located on N. Cherry, facing the Renasant Bank building. The Pop-Up tent with its sides was a great asset, although with the heavy rain & wind on Friday afternoon lasting over an hour, **Abby, Jewel & Lynn S.** had challenges keeping merchandise dry and ourselves. Thankfully the temps were reasonable this year, especially on Saturday.

Even with the off and on rain on Friday and booth visitors sparse, yet steady on Saturday, we made sales and met interested ladies. Merchandise sales were \$707 and a \$22 "keep the change" donation. In all, we sold: Flags, Caps, Sun Hats w/FL Scarves, Cowboy Hat, Magnets, Card Case, Reading Glasses, Ties, Décor, and Jewelry. *The website has been updated with remaining items.*



And, we learned afterwords that we won “**Best Patriotic**” in the **75th Watermelon Festival** parade!!
Awesome job everyone!!



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