

# FLORENCE CROSSROADS

## POSTAL NEWS

WOW! I can't believe the month of January is over. That means spring is right around the corner. We at the Postal Service would like to ask the residents of Florence for their help. Of late, the snow and dogs have plagued your letter carriers. First let me address the snow issue, you must have a clear path to your mailbox. If the box is on your porch, then your steps should be free of snow and ice. We cannot jeopardize the safety of the carriers to deliver mail. If the weather is bad and you haven't gotten any mail, please check to make sure the pathway to your box is clear. Please help keep your letter carriers safe.

Second let's address the dog issue; there is a leash law in Florence. And postal regulations state that if a carrier fears for their safety they do not have to deliver mail to a particular house. If that dog is running around the neighborhood, then that whole neighborhood is in jeopardy of not receiving mail. I smile to myself when someone tells me that 'my dog won't bite'. Little do they know that 70% of all postal carrier dog bites are from dogs that the owner said wouldn't bite. And you can never tell what your dog will do when they feel they are threatened. So please help your neighbors and us out. Keep your dog on a leash and away from your mailbox. Things are always changing at the Postal Service, but rest assured that we will do everything in our power to see you get your mail.

Sue Klassen, Postmaster

## BUSY BUSINESS

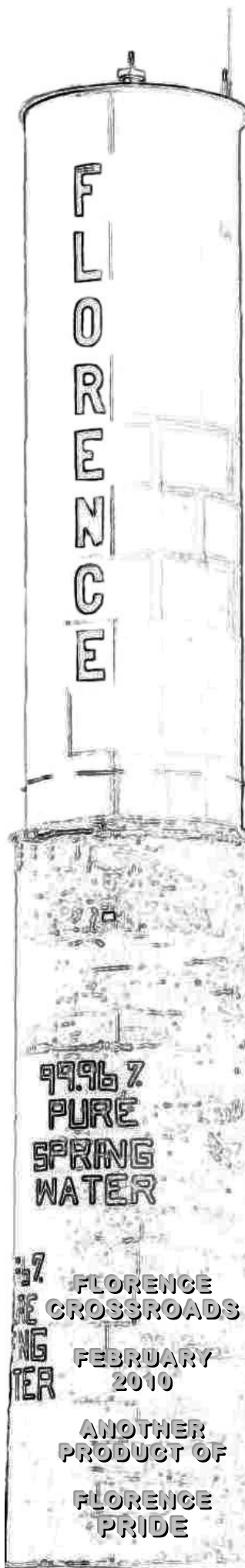


Breakfast customers at the Town & Country café.

The Town & Country has been a long time landmark on Highway 77 in Florence. It continues to serve both locals and travelers under the ownership of Carolyn and Edmond Spencer. The restaurant has booth and lunch counter seating as well as a dining room. Tuesday nights are popular for those craving Mexican food and Saturday night is the time to get prime rib. Diners can enjoy a fresh breaded chicken fried steak from the menu anytime. The café is open from 6am to 8pm Tuesday through Saturday and 6am to 2pm on Sunday and Monday. Carolyn purchased the café in 1996. Many of the readers will remember the café being owned by Edith White who now resides in Redding, California and is a Crossroads Subscriber.



Have you met one of Florence's most unique citizens? Rumor has it he was abandoned and made his home here because the folks are all so nice.





# Valentine's

## Sweetheart Banquet

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetheart Banquet

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

American Legion, Florence

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### Menu:

Green Garden Salad

Prime Rib

Choice of Twice Baked Potato or

Sweet Potato

Garden Vegetable

Dinner Roll

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Special Valentine gift

for all ladies in attendance!

Semi-formal attire.

\$25.00 suggested donation per person

Welcome to Legion members

and guests.

Tickets can be purchased by calling:

Reilly Reid 878-4309 or

Shear Success 878-4535.

## FLORENTINE FINDINGS

The Florentines will meet February 12th at 12:00 for a potluck dinner. All are reminded to bring their extra grocery bags.

## PRAIRIE LAND FOOD

Prairie Land Food rewards those who volunteer to make our community a better place. The prices of the packages are based on the number of hours you volunteer. This could be as simple as driving your elderly neighbor to their doctor appointment or taking them to their hair appointment. Those of you on the Fire Department, Labor Day Committee or other volunteer organizations are already eligible.

**The February menu was not available as of printing.  
For more information contact Ruth Ogle.  
620-878-4305**

## CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The Masons in Florence will hold clothing exchange again on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Masonic lodge in Florence spent one Saturday morning in January letting area residents select clothing, coats and blankets from a nice assortment of items donated for a clothing exchange.

Here is how it worked; if a person needed clothing items they came in and picked them out and took them home. If folks had good items of clothing or blankets to donate they brought them in and donated.

Harvey Wells, a member of the Lodge, said, "It was twelve below zero when we started and only eight above when we closed at noon." In spite of the cold weather twenty people came in to take advantage of the offering.

Les Allison, also of the Lodge, said the Masons have decided to offer the exchange again on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 8am until noon because several people indicated they weren't able to come last month because of the weather.

