



Futures

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Irby grant helps fund September FSNHS events

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of their father's birth, the children of Pratt Irby made a special contribution to The Friends of Fort Scott National Historic Site for the **Symbols of Sacrifice** events scheduled in September. As a WWII veteran and avid patriot, the family felt the contribution was certainly fitting for their father.

The grant was made as a result of funds derived from an endowment set up in Pratt and Pauline Irby's names through the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation. Their children (Janet Irby Braun, Robert Irby and Mary Irby Rio) select a charitable cause annually they feel reflects their parents' interests and overall support for the community.

The **Symbols of Sacrifice** events will honor those who have been killed during the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan. The committee will purchase nearly 7,000 flags to commemorate the

lost lives as part of the ceremonies, which are planned for Sept. 7, 11 and 14 at the National Historic Site parade grounds.

While the \$726 grant from the Irby Endowment will greatly help the Friends' efforts to pay for the upcoming events, other funds are being sought in order to raise the necessary \$10,000 to cover the cost for all expenses. The National Park Service is unable to contribute any support for the activities, other than providing the grounds for the events, according to Friends group spokesperson.

Tax-deductible donations are currently being accepted to help with the activities and may be left with the Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce, 231 E. Wall; Country Cupboard, 12 N. Main; or Citizens Bank, NA, U.S. 69 at 23rd. Checks should be made payable to The Friends of Fort Scott National Historic Site, Inc.



Photo by Loretta George/Fort Scott Tribune

Janet (Irby) Braun, holding a photo of her late father Pratt Irby, presented a check for over \$700 to Reed Hartford, who accepted the funds on behalf of The Friends of Fort Scott National Historic Site. The "Friends" group will facilitate the **Symbols of Sacrifice** events in September, which will honor fallen soldiers from the War on Terror. The funds will be instrumental in purchasing nearly 7,000 flags to commemorate the lost heroes.

Long-Term Recovery Team wants to help



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Recent storms in Bourbon County have left residents burdened with overwhelming costs to repair hail-damaged homes and businesses. Many of those affected have been Bourbon Countians who are uninsured or underinsured for the physical destruction that occurred to their properties.

But, there is a way to get help! The Bourbon County Long-Term Recovery Team is currently taking applications to help with repairs. Any uninsured or underinsured person who has incurred hail damage recently can pick up an application at City Hall, 123 S. Main, or at the County Clerk's office, second floor of the Bourbon County courthouse.

The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation will be coordinating with the Long-Term Recovery Team by establishing a fund to hold donations for community use.

Contact relief@bourboncountyks.org for

more information or to contribute money, materials or volunteer time.

Text 620 224-0167 with your name, address and email to have volunteers pick up materials. All contractors, homeowners, and lumberyards are asked to participate. Charitable donation receipts will be given.

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