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## THE MUTUAL WAY

Farmers Mutual Insurance Company Newsletter

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### **Joni Pivonka's Retirement**

Prior to my 22 years of being at Farmers Mutual, I worked in the banking industry since 1969. In the bank I worked as a teller and in marketing. I made the transition to FMI as a position came open for an Accounts Receivable Clerk. This enabled me to be in town to be more available for my Dad, who was ill at the time. It also worked out great as I was able to work with two of my high school classmates, Jeanne Schloctermeier and Carol

Lenhart. After a few years, Cheryl Klepper joined the staff of FMI, who I had previously worked with at the bank. In fact, Cheryl figured out that we had worked together for a total of 27 years; which has developed into a strong friendship. While at FMI, I have worked in several different areas including claims. I have witnessed many of the devastating storms, including the Greensburg tornado.

I have been asking friends if they have any sage advice for me as I embark on this new phase of my life. Several people have said not to make any definite plans but to let the process happen and that may be what I do. I will have more time to go to all of my granddaughters' school events and be free to stay with them whenever the need arises. Also, I hope that I will be able to visit my sister in Bellingham, Washington. This fall I will be doing some canning and freezing of the produce from Louis's garden. As the winter months approach my favorite pastime of crocheting will take over. I used to crochet plush animals for my granddaughters, but now they have outgrown them, so now it will be for my nieces' children and friends. I plan on branching out and exploring new patterns.

I have met and made friendships that I will miss, but hopefully they will continue after I leave FMI! Also, thank you to everyone who has been sending me cards and well wishes.

### **Agency or Agent Changes**

**If you have any changes to your agency, or if you hire or any agents retire, please let Angie at FMI know. We might need an updated form for your agency file.**

**If your agency's E&O has recently renewed, please send in a copy of the updated declaration page to Angie at [agunn@fmi-ks.com](mailto:agunn@fmi-ks.com).**

**Thank you for helping us keep our agent files current!**

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## New Marketing Representative

Sam Frost is FMI's new marketing representative. He grew up in Assaria, KS and has two brothers and one sister. Sam recently graduated from Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS with a Bachelor of Arts degree focusing on accounting, finance, and business administration. If you have not already met Sam hopefully you will be seeing him in your office soon. FMI is anticipating Sam to be a liaison between the agencies and the company. Please help us in welcoming Sam to the insurance industry.



## FMI's Directory (Please see changes below)

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Klepper, Cheryl	Billing/Accounting	313	cherylk@fmi-ks.com
Lear, Justin	CEO	312	jlear@fmi-ks.com
Rorick, Audra	Billing/Commissions/ Cancellations	301	audrar@fmi-ks.com
Claims Department		315/ 316	claims@fmi-ks.com

**Holiday Closings**

**Columbus Day**  
October 11th

**Veterans Day**  
November 11th

**Thanksgiving**  
November 28, 2019

**Reminders**

**Halloween**  
October 31, 2019

**Daylight Saving Time**  
November 3, 2019

**Daylight Savings is a good time to change your smoke detector batteries, replace your air filters, and clean out your dryer vents.**

