



This Is Potwin

Potwin, Kansas

September 2017



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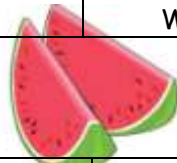
WATERMELON Festival



Watermelon Festival Chance Drawing Winners

Handmade Necklace- Bruce H.
Snowman- Sherri W.
Snappy Chicks Necklace- Irene W.
\$20 Warren Gift Card- Chuck F.
Keriel Dairy \$10 Gift Card- Jill W.
Mona B Purse From Sommer Rose- Cheryl S.
Dinner for 4 at 123 Tavern- Jason C.
Remington Middle School Family Pass- Jerry B.
AJ's Pizza, Bowling, Go Carts, Laser Tag- Andy M.
Hooters Wings- Jesse E.
Chelmsford Tea and Gifts Teapot and 2 Teas- Dean S.
McCormick Auto Free Oil Change- Lew W.
\$25 Jose Peppers Gift Card- Shirleena W.

AJ's Pizza, Bowling, Go Carts, Laser Tag- Bryce B.
Hooters Wings- Lew W.
Dinner for 4 at 123 Tavern- Dylan B.
\$20 Warren Gift Card- Adrianna R.
Scentsy Warmer w/3 scents from Shaleana Johnson-
Deputy Mark
Remington High School Family Pass- Matt S.
\$50 Perfect Nails Salon Gift Cert- Tonya T.
Patio Set- Randy J.
Electric Smoker- Kathy C.
Valvoline Stools- Dylan B.
Family 4 Pack to 81 Speedway- Ronnie J.
Watermelon Festival Bean Bag Board Set- Chris L.



Congratulations to all the winners! Here are just a few...
Watermelon Queen Mia Peters.
Watermelon King Koal Taylor.
The Wedel Brothers for winning the Bean Bag Board Toss.
Brayden Thomas can sure eat Watermelon quickly.
Lane and Vince won the Horseshoe Tournament.

The Talent Show at the Community House was a huge success and highlighted some of our local talent. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Thank you to all of our fabulous sponsors!

123 Tavern
City Of Potwin
Alan Joseph Law Office
Butler Rural Electric
Chelmsford Tea & Gifts
Countryaid Vet Service
Don & Gayle Bartel
Emprise Bank
Faith Realty
Glendening Electric
Henry Creek Farms
Joseph Brothers Inc.

Kruegar Insurance
Lamb Funeral Home
Larry & Judie Whiteside
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McCormick Auto
Mom's Café
Potwin Land & Cattle
Potwin Fire Department
Ravenscraft Implement
Wheat State Telephone
Wilbur's Market

The Ball Light Project

By Sammy Smith

The ball lights were an item, on many citizens of Potwin's wish list. It had been thought about, dreamed about, quoted, and drawn out. We all thought "How are we ever going to raise that amount of money?"

It all started August 8th 2010. The city of Potwin and the Potwin Lions Club decided to start a Motorcycle Sunday. The Lions Club was to put the money they made from this biker Sunday toward the "ball light project." This month, this Bike Run of ours has gone on for 7 years and one month.

With the help of Potwin PRIDE and Potwin Rec we were able to put a chain link fence all the way around our ball diamond. This was the start!

October of 2016, after countless orders of biscuits and gravy and hundreds upon thousands of WOOHOO's, our lights are delivered to our little town! We couldn't have done it without all the bikers who come and see us every second Sunday.

We have our lights, and thoughts of "What do we do now?" kick in. There was some work done to the ball fields, such as extending and putting a roof on the dugouts.

In June of 2017 we ordered the electrical hardware for all our lights, and the process of putting them up begins. Dean Schmidt- the Mayor of Potwin, Chuck Spencer- president of the Potwin REC Board, and Jared Ownbey- member of the Rec Board went down and looked at the poles that were donated by Westar Energy. They found 6 that were the same height and moved them to their appropriate spots around the ball field. Jared and a few of his coworkers graciously donated their time to wire up each of the 6 poles. After a few minor setbacks, we were ready to test the ball lights, and TA-DA they all worked! Goodness they were bright!

On Tuesday August 22nd 2017, Westar Energy had a bucket truck and a drilling truck come to the ball diamonds to place the poles for free! They got one pole in the ground no problem, the others not quite the same story. Westar set 2 poles on Tuesday as well as cut down the old lights. They returned Wednesday with a rock drilling bit and finished up the remaining 4 poles. Whew, the poles are in the ground and standing nice and tall! Jared and Mayor Dean took it upon themselves to make sure the lights were wired up and functioning for our Watermelon Festival Softball Tournament.

Thursday night, August 24th 2017, the ball lights in Potwin turned on for the 1st time in over 7 years.

To everyone involved in this project it was an unforgettable moment and a long time coming.

As all of this was going on let's not forget about the little projects. Jason Taylor volunteered his time to spray the concession stand, the underside of the bleachers and the roof. Sherri Wedel and J.B. Smith painted the top of the bleachers, dugout benches, and the trim on the concession stand. Terry Wedel worked the infield. Kathy Cherryholmes, John Cherryholmes, Jimmy Howell, and Sammy Smith helped put the roof on the dugouts and replace broken boards on the bleachers. Don Hoover mowed the outfield the week of the festival. Over all there was a total of 400 man hours donated. That itself shows how amazing this little town is!!!

The Potwin Lions Club, The Potwin Rec Board, The City of Potwin, and Potwin Pride would like to thank each and every one of you who volunteered time at the ball diamonds to help us make this dream of ours become a reality.

The next project on the agenda will be King Park. If you are interested in helping or joining the Potwin Lions club or any of the other boards please feel free to contact the City Office and they will get you in touch with the right people!



1st Annual RHS Wrestling - Bass Tournament

Sept. 16th - Registration at Remington High School 8:00 am
-8850 NW Meadowlark Rd Whitewater, KS 67154

- 2 man teams - \$50 a team
- Pays 50% to the pot and 50% to the wrestling team
- Pays out to top 2 teams with heaviest weight of 5 fish
- Also a biggest bass contest with a \$20 entry per person with a 50% pay out to the winner!
- All private ponds, water sheds, or creeks are legal to fish as long as you are able to make check in, weigh in, have permission from land owner, and have a fishing license. We will not wait on anyone to weigh in. No fishing of government waters (public lakes, reservoirs or rivers).

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- Final weigh in - Sept. 17th 9:30 am at RHS

- Weigh in will also be open the 16th in the evening

- Fish weighed dead or alive. Dead fish will receive a 2oz. deduction penalty

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- For the non-fisherman - There will also be a raffle and Calcutta auction to sponsor a team to win. The sponsor cost is a min of \$20, if more than one person wants to sponsor, it will go to auction. You can sponsor your own team. This will go into a separate pot and winner will receive 70% of the pot.

-Bring your kids - KDWP will have a clinic with prizes for kids

-All state and federal fishing laws will be followed

- Casey Gobel - 316-734-5338

- Proceeds go to the RHS wrestling team





Potwin PRIDE News

Congratulations to the Potwin Lions Club, city of Potwin, recreation committee, Westar, PRIDE, and all the other volunteers that made it possible to have the lights to use for the tournament at the Watermelon Festival.

2,689 pounds of vegetables have been harvested at the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry Garden this year. 1,559 pounds of them have been tomatoes. On August 8, the Methodist Church Youth Group took tomatoes to the Open Doors food pantry in Wichita when they toured their new warehouse facility. On August 14, we picked 293 pounds of tomatoes. We had so many tomatoes that week that we took some to the Family Worship Center in El Dorado and they handed them out while they were handing out school supplies. We want to thank Ronnie and Nancy Jackson for continuing to take vegetables to the Salvation Army in Wichita.

We continue to have vegetables available for other people in the community at the Methodist Church garage for a free will donation. Check the bulletin board at the Post Office or drive by the garage to see which days they are available. This fall it will probably be on Tuesday and maybe another day.

About 65 people attended the National Night Out on August 8. We want to thank Sheriff Herzet and his officers for participating. The Dare officer handed out bags to the kids and Phil Wickwire from the Elks Club in El Dorado also handed out things for the kids to. We also want to thank those who furnished cakes and Wheat State Telephone for furnishing the drinks. We are planning a bigger event next year.

19 people participated in the float project for the Watermelon Festival parade. Most of them have participated in the garden project at some time. We would like to thank the committee that plans and puts on the Watermelon Festival each year. It really brings a lot of people to town.

Upcoming events in Potwin are the biker's Sunday September 10 and Old Peoples Day September 23. The next PRIDE meeting will be September 21 at 7:00 PM at the Community House.

Melvina Jones, Secretary





The calendars are in!

We Serve Come see us at the Potwin City Office or the Potwin Public Library to get yours. If you didn't order one, we do have a few extra.

Order your RES T-shirt!

\$15.00 each

Order by September 11th at the RES office!

Go Colts!!!



Potwin Public Library News

126 N Randall

620-752-3421

Did you know that you can check out magazines from the library? We have several different ones available. Please come in and let me know that you value them being included in the collection.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. I will be sending out a form so that I can update our records. Please feel free to get them back to me by dropping them off during business hours, dropping them off at the City building, putting them in the book drop, or even mailing them.

At the last Library Board meeting we discussed doing away with library fines for returned materials. It is much more important to us that you return them and continue to visit, than for you to stay away because you have a fine. However, if an item is not returned within 60 days, patrons will need to pay the replacement cost of the lost item. As always, if you have any questions, give me a call.

Starting on October 4th, I will be having Storytime on the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm. This will give us time to read stories, and make a craft before parent's need to pick up older siblings from school. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can be sure to have enough craft projects for everyone.

Did you know that you can check out eBooks? You can read them on your Smartphone, tablet, eReader, or computer. Come see me for more information.

Is there a new movie you really want to see? What about the newest book from your favorite author? Come see me.

~Tonya



107TH ANNUAL OLD PEOPLE'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Registration 10:30 am – Noon

Lunch 12:00 pm (Noon)

Program 1:00 pm

RES Gymnasium

Spouse/Guest us welcome to attend. There is a \$5 charge at the door for guests who are not 65 years old.