



This Is Potwin

Potwin, Kansas

November 2017



Potwin PRIDE News

It is a sad day when the grocery store and gas station in your town close. The PRIDE program helps communities to help themselves. When we did the PRIDE survey last fall, we did not address how much support there was to be able to buy groceries or gas in Potwin. We would like to explore this issue at the Potwin PRIDE meeting on November 16 at 7:00 PM at the Community House. Jan Steen from Kansas State PRIDE will be there to help us. Everyone is invited to come explore the need to be able to buy groceries in Potwin. Before then we would like to have some input from the community as to whether they would support a grocery store or a convenience store. Fill out the survey at the bottom of this article and return it to the city office by November 10.

Good news! The total vegetables harvested at the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry Garden this year is 5,979 pounds. 12 youth and 10 adults dug 704 pounds of sweet potatoes October 30. The biggest one we weighed was four pounds and there were many that weighed three to three and a half pounds along with a lot of smaller ones. The adults dug the two rows with the youth picking up the potatoes. After the rows were dug, the youth took the potato forks and dug about 75 pounds where the vines had spread.

Two adults picked the last 141 pounds of tomatoes on October 26 before the freeze. We have picked 3,493 pounds of tomatoes this year. One adult and one youth pulled 168 pounds of turnips on October 26. This was the last of the 629 pounds grown this year. The next workday at the garden will be to clean off the tomato plants and cages.

We will have some sweet potatoes available for the community one day of the week for a couple of weeks at the Methodist Church garage. It will usually be on Tuesday or Thursday depending on the weather.

Potwin PRIDE Grocery Survey

_____ I would support a grocery store in Potwin

_____ I would support a convenience store in Potwin

_____ I would support a gas station in Potwin

_____ I would not support a grocery store or convenience store in Potwin

Other ideas for being able to buy groceries in Potwin

Please turn it in to the city office by November 10.



Christmas Craft Market
NW Butler Co. Christmas Craft Market 501(C)3

Like us on [Facebook](#) for Visitor/Vendor Info

Location:

Remington Middle School Gymnasium
316 E. Topeka St., Whitewater, KS 67154
Market opens at 9:00 am and closes at 3:00 pm.

Saturday, November 11

&

Saturday, December 9

See you there!!

For VENDOR info email cmd67154@aol.com



Santa Claus
will be at the
Christmas Craft Markets

Nov 11 & Dec 09
10 am until 2 pm

**Bring your list, have your
picture taken or just visit
with Santa!!**

All proceeds will benefit RHS Photography Club.



The North Butler 4H Club meeting started out with a bang on October 9 as past president, Austin Broadie handed out candy to all new officers to start the new 4H year. Harley McLaughlin and Makayla Klingenberg led the flag salute and 4H pledge. A candy question was how many years have you been in 4H. Eleven members answered roll call. Members Renata Goossen and Cherokee Ragan are attending the National Horticulture Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Way to go girls! A group of 17 joined the worship service at Furley UMC on

October 8 for 4H Sunday. After a potluck lunch, the group worked on a community service project. Members baked 12 dozen cookies for the United Methodist Open Door Homeless Mission. While the cookies baked, we shared favorite Bible verses, Bible stories and talent. It was a fun afternoon. Next meeting will be November 13 at Emmaus Mennonite Church which will be our achievement night.

Submitted by: Makenzie Creekmore
News Reporter, North Butler 4H Club



North Butler bakes cookies for homeless people.



30 Year Leadership of North Butler 4H Club

"I have great families to work with. They do their jobs and pitch in as needed so they make my job easy," says Debora Claassen, leader of the North Butler 4H Club. Debora received her 30-year pin for leadership. She started leading Foods when there was a need and when the position for Community Leader became open she was asked and accepted the job.

North Butler received its charter in 1934 with approximately 15 members. The club currently has 27 members. It has held meetings in homes, pleasant Acres School, Lone star School, Countryside School, Potwin Community House, Federated Church in Whitewater, Remington High School and currently at the Emmaus Mennonite Church in rural Butler County.

Debora Claassen celebrates
30 years of 4H leadership.

Debora learns about upcoming events and new information club members might be interested in from the 3H Newsletter or emails from the local 4H agent, Charlene Miller.

Technology has been a good way to communicate.

Debora has many good memories of her years in leadership. She enjoys "watching the 4Her's succeed, whether it's winning a purple ribbon, Grand Champion, watching them do a good job with a 4H talk or getting a smile when I see them," she says.

The goal of North Butler each year is to fulfill the requirements for a purple seal. Very seldom has the club failed to achieve this goal. She remembers only one year the club did not receive this seal. When asked how much longer Debora wants to be a 4H leader she responded, "I say I'll keep doing as long as I'm having fun and am able to do a job to satisfy everyone and we have such good families to work with." As North Butler goes forward in year 31 with Debora, we will continue to be blessed by her leadership, knowledge and caring of each member. She has and continues to go above and beyond for her club. We're glad you're our leader. Thank you, Debora!

Submitted by: Makenzie Creekmore
News Reporter, North Butler 4H Club

Frederic Remington Area Historical Society Presents

Roy Beckemeyer will present ***Giant Dragonflies, Australia, and a Small Town in Kansas: Investigating a 1920's Mystery.*** This presentation focuses on fossils found in a ridge of rocks that passes through Dickinson, Marion, and Harvey Counties and continues south into Oklahoma. When these rocks are cracked, embedded in the rocks are fossils of insects including dragonflies with wingspans up to thirty inches. Dr. Beckemeyer will tell the story of how a small spot in central Kansas came to the attention of a renowned Australian paleontologist and how he came to visit. Also, how fossils of giant insects, steamships, railroad trains, land grant colleges, long-lost photographs, and kidney stones are all part of the puzzle. Dr. Beckemeyer is a retired engineer and author of the 2015 Kansas Notable Book *"Music I Once Could Dance to: Poems."*

Monday, November 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Frederic Remington High School
8850 NW Meadowlark Road, Whitewater, KS 67154



Potwin Public Library News
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PotwinLibrary@wheatstate.com

If you have visited the library lately, you know that it has been in a state of chaos. It's been a whirlwind of activity in recent weeks as we remodeled the Children's Room.

Jean at the Whitewater Memorial Library has taken me under her wing, to help me learn the ropes as a librarian. A few weeks ago, I was visiting with her, and commented on some lovely

book shelves. She told me they were built by John Claassen. The next thing I know, he has called, and volunteered to build shelves for the Children's Room.

Since I would need to remove all the books from the room, it was the perfect time to give the whole room a makeover. I began the scramble of pulling it all together and with the help of Mr. Claassen, Sherri Wedel, Bill Lapan, Erik Magee, and my children, Kaylee and Trenton Taber, we made it happen. Amanda Knowles, also, gave a generous donation to help with the costs.

Just a few minutes ago, Mr. Claassen came and placed the two new movie shelves and finished the last little touches on the book shelves. He was so wonderful to work with, and his work is amazing. Thank you Mr. Claassen!

The library is still in a state of chaos, but each day it gets a little bit closer to being finished. Putting the books back is going more slowly than taking them off the shelves.

I hope you like the way it turned out.

~Tonya



The deadline for submissions for the December Newsletter will be November 22, 2017.

If you have something you would like added please send it to

PotwinKS@Wheatstate.com or PotwinLibrary@Wheatstate.com

We will try to get it added; however, sometimes we have to make changes to make it all work.