



Potwin, Kansas

This Is Potwin



April 2019



EASTER EGG HUNT

AND A VISIT FROM THE
EASTER BUNNY!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

10:00AM TODDLERS THROUGH KINDERGARTEN @
GRADE SCHOOL YARD

10:15AM 1ST THROUGH 3RD GRADE @ COMMUNITY
HOUSE PARK

10:30AM 4TH & 5TH GRADE @ KING PARK

The Easter Bunny will be visiting Potwin!!

Bring your camera if you want your picture taken
with him after the egg hunts. He'll be at the
community house park.



We Serve

Sponsored by the Potwin Lions Club

Paraprofessional for 2019-20 year at Remington Elementary School. Full time position with benefits. Paraprofessional will assist students in the classroom. Questions concerning the position contact Principal, Tammy Sweatland at 620-752-3239. Apply at Remington USD 206, 110 S. Main, Whitewater, KS or www.usd206.org/employment.

Cook wanted at Remington Middle School. Part time position with single health benefits. Will assist in preparation, serving, and cleaning. Questions concerning the position contact Principal, Tim Robertson at 316-799-2131. Apply at Remington USD 206, 110 S. Main, Whitewater, KS or www.usd206.org/employment.

Administrative Assistant / School Board Treasurer

Remington USD 206 District Office is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant position. The Administrative Assistant will report to District Superintendent and will work closely with the Board Clerk. This is a full time position with benefits. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Google Docs, and have excellent communication and math skills. Duties include procurement, receipts and reconciling bank records, State reports, as well as maintaining records for Food Service, teacher certification and Transportation.

For questions concerning the position contact Superintendent, James Regier at 316-799-2115. Apply at Remington USD 206, 110 S. Main, Whitewater, KS or www.usd206.org/employment. Open until filled.



Potwin PRIDE News

We were host to 15 members of the Kansas State PRIDE board on March 29. We served pizza from Nusser's.

We have nominated Potwin Store/Nusser Fuels for the Kansas Department of Commerce Business Appreciation Month Awards in the retail category. We appreciate them putting the store here in Potwin as well as the fuel center. Tracy Nusser says that they call it a corner store instead of a convenience store because it stocks healthier food, basic canned and packaged foods, some medicines, and pizza and sandwiches.

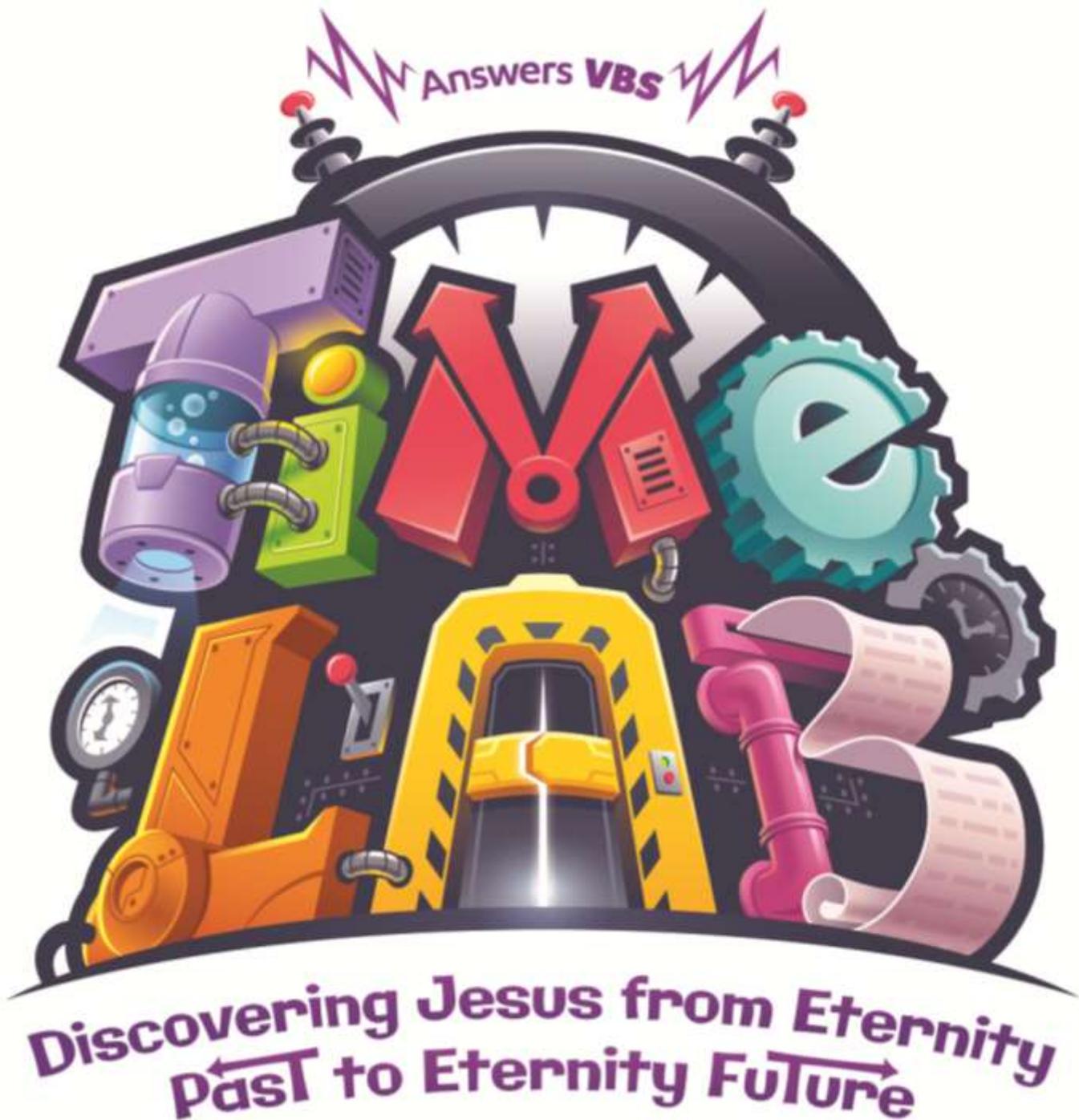
Velene Brown and Melvina Jones attended the city council meeting on March 11 to see what we could do to make the downtown look better. We are waiting to get more information.

Spring projects have been on hold as the weather hasn't been cooperative. We have not planted the potatoes at the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the garden as it has been too wet, but we will plant them as soon as we can.

Dates on the community calendar include biker's Sunday April 14, Lions Club Easter egg hunt April 20, and community Easter sunrise service April 21 at 6:45 AM at the northwest corner of Potwin with breakfast to follow at the Methodist Church. The date for the next PRIDE meeting has been changed to April 25 at 7:30 PM at the community house.

Remember the city wide garage sales will be June 7 & 8 and city wide cleanup June 15.

Melvina Jones, secretary



COMMUNITY VBS 2019 June 3 - 7

Remington Middle School 8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

4 Year Olds through Grade 8 (just completed)

Potwin Bus will run

REGISTER: whitewatercommunityvbs19.eventbrite.com

4 year olds and Pre-K will be picked up at Whitewater Community Church

Two books of local interest have just been published and are available for sale. Both regard the history of local schools.

A Picture of Countryside is the history of that school from its beginning in 1955 until it was closed as a public school in 1978. Four one-room schools consolidated to form Countryside. Thirty different classes experienced the school during those twenty-three years but only four classes attended all eight years. When Countryside closed, the students were sent to Potwin for their elementary education.

A Picture of a Rural School contains the history of all the schools which once existed within the current boundary of Remington USD 206. Forty-one public schools, two German schools, one private school, and a proposed military school are all included in this book. The book contains dates and locations of the schools, tracks the literal moving of several school buildings, describes the culture of one-room schools, follows many of the buildings after the schools closed, and follows the student destination after disorganization.

The author of both books, Darryl Claassen, attended the Countryside School and was a member of the last eighth-grade class of the school. His varied involvement in the Remington area has allowed acquaintances in each of the former school communities. This helped greatly in the collection of photographs from the schools. Kim Fields assisted with research of various school information. As in previous books, Darryl's photograph collection is the basis of the school books. The Countryside book is designed similar to a school annual in which every class is represented by a picture as well as many teachers and various student activities. The Rural School book contains 380 photographs and images which provide the reader with a visual of each school in the study. The reader will be able to make an instant connection to their own school experience even if it was outside of this area.

Both of these books can be purchased at the Whitewater Photo Museum, the Whitewater Memorial Library, or the Potwin Public Library. The books are also available on Amazon in ebook and print formats.

Potwin Community Easter Sunrise Service

The community Easter sunrise service will be at 6:45 AM
at the corner of Powell St. and Joseph Ave.

This is the northwest corner of Potwin at the Artz pasture.

If the weather is bad, it will be held at the
First United Methodist Church at 123 N. Anita.

Breakfast will be served at the church following the service.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Easter Sunday worship service at the First United Methodist Church of Potwin
will be at 9:00 AM instead of at 11:00 AM.

Let Me Introduce You.....to Jon and Cyndi Bowen!

The Bowens moved to Potwin last October after vacationing to both Lincoln, Nebraska and Potwin earlier in 2018. They had lived in Vancouver Washington long enough to know that they were tired of the Pacific Northwest's cost of living, traffic, and attitude!

Jon spent some of his childhood growing up in Whitewater. Since moving to the Midwest they have discovered they really enjoy what small towns have to offer.....solitude, friendly people and plenty to do if one just looks around to neighboring communities. They got in on some of the later farm and garden markets and are looking forward to this coming spring's offerings.

Jon and Cyndi moved to Munson street in the former Ray and Mary Brown home. Seemed like it was a perfect fit, since Cyndi is quite the crafter. More than half of the entire basement has been transformed into a hobbies area for Cyndi since she is both a paper crafter, (she used to teach scrap-booking at Michael's) and does custom vinyl work on both t-shirts and signs. She also enjoys thrifting and antiquing. Jon has an office in the basement as well.

Jon has just embarked on a new career. He's just finishing up training for his new company; driving a semi truck cross country. He seemed pretty excited about this new endeavor. Cyndi transferred to Costco in Wichita from Vancouver and calls herself a "fluffer".

Although Jon and Cyndi have known each other for almost a decade, they are still relative newlyweds, having married in 2017. Their combined families include: Shelby and Allie from Arizona, and Travis and wife, Petra, stationed in Hawaii and expecting twins soon. These new twins will be joining Alyssa as the Bowen's grandchildren. Alyssa's mom is daughter, Kesha.

Minnie, the cat and Ozzie, the dog complete the Bowen "brood." They have been visited regularly in Potwin by Cyndi's brother, Phillip, who is also a trucker and stops in Potwin every 4-6 weeks on his way cross country.

The Bowens have many plans for this upcoming spring and summer. They plan to continue the gardening tradition that has gone on at this address for years, maybe adding a few raised beds here and there. They also want to raise some chickens. They are anxious to see what Potwin's Biker Sundays are all about since they both enjoy riding. They said they are perfectly happy with their moving decision since their stress level has gone way down and they even say the food is better!

We welcome the Bowens and are glad you chose Potwin!



April Showers

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PUDDLES
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TREES

ARBORDAY
BIRDS
BUTTERFLY
CLEANUP
EARTH
EGGS
GRASS
LAMB
PLANET
RAINBOWS
REUSE
TAXDAY
TULIPS

BASEBALL
BOOKS
CHICKS
CLOUDY
EARTHDAY
FLOWERS
JELLYBEANS
NESTS
POLLUTION
RECYCLE
SPRING
THUNDERSTORMS
UMBRELLA



2019 Potwin Bike Run

April 14th

May 12th

June 9th

July 14th

August 11th

September 8th

October 13th



- *Nice wide streets and road closures for bikers
- *Lots of seating
- *Shady vendor park with shelter
- *Welcoming Community
- *Gas Station
- *Bar



@Potwin.bikerun

For questions or vendor information call 1-620-752-3422



'Pay it Forward Day' is back for its fourth year, on Thursday, April 29, 2010. Inspired by the movie 'Pay it Forward' starring Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt, it involves people doing random acts of kindness for others without expecting anything in return. Instead, recipients are instructed to 'pay the kindness forward' to others in need, essentially creating a positive ripple effect of giving. It has produced some wonderful random acts of kindness. One lady received a \$10,000 donation so she could afford a liver operation from a complete stranger – she still has no idea who performed the good deed! Another boy noticed a parking meter was expired. He convinced his mother to top up the meter so that one car owner avoided a \$79 fine.

The founder of "Pay it Forward Day" Mr Blake Beattie, says "he is overwhelmed at the support. Of course we should be paying it forward every day, but many of us get so caught up in the rush of every day life that we lose sight of what is most important. Pay it Forward Day is a great reminder of the positive energy when we give to others."

So how big does each good deed need to be? It can be as big or small as you would like to make it; from helping a stranger with their groceries to buying a meal for a homeless person or not charging a client for work. The aim is to simply put a smile on someone else's face and feel good about what you've done for someone else.

<http://payitforwardday.com/>

Potwin Public Library News

Today, as I rushed to get the newsletter done, I witnessed a wonderful sight from my window. There was quite a bit of traffic at the library corner, much more than is normal. I had just added the Pay It Forward information when I heard voices and looked out to see Robert Wilkinson speaking to a little boy who was waiting patiently on the corner. His friends were playing at the park and he was going to join them as soon as traffic allowed. Robert, seeing him waiting, offered to help him cross the street. After the boy is safely at the park, Robert turns his wheelchair towards home. I sat here for a few moments, just thinking about it, and in awe of the synchronicity of the timing. Thank you Robert, for helping the little boy across the street, for cleaning the street gutters around town, and for always saying hello.

In other news.

The Potwin Little Library has been selected as a Library Of Distinction. In the email it stated: "Its unique design and the creativity and enthusiasm you have put into it make it an inspiring example for other Little Free Library stewards to follow.

We will share images of your Library and the story behind it in our weekly e-newsletter to Little Free Library fans and on our Libraries of Distinction Pinterest board."

You can sign up to receive their newsletter on the website. <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

~Tonya

Happy Easter!

This is my favorite time of the year. All the church activities like sunrise service, the renewal of the Earth, and God's promise that "it is good". We always have a big dinner on Easter with ham and all the fixings. Do you wonder sometimes what to do with your left over ham? I have the perfect recipe for you! My family loves it anytime of the year, but especially when we have had a ham and I can use that baked goodness, in my casserole. Here it is.

Ham and Potatoes Au Gratin

Cook 3 cups diced potatoes until fork tender. Drain and put into greased 9x13 pan. Add 2 cups of diced ham. Set aside until you make your sauce.

In medium sauce pan melt 2 T. butter

Add:

¼ cup green onion, chopped

¼ cup green pepper, chopped

Sauté until tender

Stir in 1 Tablespoon flour, dash pepper, and 1 cup milk. Cook over medium heat until slightly thickened.

Take off heat.

Add:

4 oz. American cheese, diced (about 1 cup)

¼ cup mayonnaise (NOT Miracle Whip)

Stir until mixed.

Pour over prepared potatoes and ham in a greased 9x13 pan and mix together. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbly.

Enjoy!

LaVonne Baker

