



Potwin, Kansas

This Is Potwin

May 2020

CLASS *of* 2020

RHS Graduation Parade May 9th: At 11 a.m. the RHS Graduation Parade will begin at the district office. Graduates will be driving south down Main Street in Whitewater with a police escort provided by Butler County Sheriff's Department. The parade caravan will then travel east on Highway 196 to Potwin. The caravan will travel north on Randall Street to parade through Potwin. We encourage those that wish to watch the parade to park along the sides of Main Street in Whitewater and Randall Street in Potwin. Patrons will need to stay in their vehicles and maintain proper social distancing. Of course honking of horns, yelling support for graduates from inside the vehicles, and postings to social media is strongly encouraged. We hope families will decorate vehicles in support of their graduates, make signs to display and perhaps local businesses could display signs of support in their shop windows. Thank you Bronco Community for your continued support of our students!



Potwin PRIDE History

In 1985, **Melvina Jones** was the chairperson of the PRIDE steering committee with **Doris McLain** vice-chairperson and **Carlene Sommers** secretary-treasurer. **Tom Sommers** was youth chairperson with Melvina and **Ron Pugh** as adult youth sponsors. This was the year of the Potwin centennial celebration and **Carol Williamson** was the fourth grade teacher at the Potwin Elementary School. She asked if there was a project her class could do and it was decided that they could plant flowers in barrels at the King Park, city building, community house and Post Office. Later the barrels at the community house and Post Office were removed, but the fourth grade class has planted the other flower barrels every year until in 2019 when it didn't work for them to plant them before school was out, but two fourth graders did plant them.

In 1986, **Warren McLain** was chairperson with Melvina vice-chairperson and **Opal Graf** secretary-treasurer. **Craig Jones** was youth chairperson and Melvina was the sponsor. This year or the year earlier, Warren and Doris McLain, **Francis Grabner**, Tom Sommers, Craig and Melvina Jones attended the PRIDE Day at Kansas State University at Manhattan. Tom and Craig rode in the back seat of Warren's station wagon facing backwards. Warren learned about making homemade Christmas trees for the light poles. He had **Jack Wallace** weld the current trees that the city puts up each year. We strung the garland and lights on them. The garland has been replaced once since then.

In 1987, Melvina was chairperson with Warren vice-chairperson and Opal secretary-treasurer. Craig was still youth chairperson and Melvina youth sponsor.

In 1988, Melvina was chairperson with **Dean Schmidt** vice-chairperson and **Pat Kasper** secretary-treasurer. Craig and Melvina were still on the youth committee. In those days, we took pictures of our projects and put them in a project record book to be judged. Doris McLain put the project books together for several years. We also had a community visit from a panel of judges. At PRIDE Day, awards were given. Potwin received the 5th place community cash award of \$100 and media merit award for "This Is Potwin" newsletter.

In 1989, Melvina was chairperson, Dean vice-chairperson, and **Eleanor Smith** secretary-treasurer. Awards that year included 1st place community cash award of \$500, leadership excellence award, and community outreach excellence award.

Look for more history next month.

Melvina Jones, secretary



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Greetings all,

We are all going through some challenging times where social distancing appears to be the current normal. I, along with all the Sheriff's Department employees, are still on the job serving the county and the City of Potwin. With the current Covid-19 situation Butler County has mandated safety precautions to be followed by all county personnel interacting with the public. This includes the wearing of a face mask while in close contact with the community. As a result, please don't be offended if I minimize interaction with groups, or talk to you from a distance. If you call 911 with a medical issue expect we will show up at your home wearing a mask and gloves. Again, this is for both your safety, and that of your family, as well as our safety and the safety of our families.

Also, as long as we are spending time at home, this might be a good opportunity to ensure your address is prominently displayed on your residence. Having your address clearly marked could save precious seconds or minutes for responding emergency personnel to reach you. In severe medical situations seconds could be the difference between life and death. Please, clearly post your address in a visible location on the front of your house.

Finally, I have had some recent complaints about subjects shooting firearms from the roadway and bridges into private property in the Potwin area. This is not only illegal but very dangerous. Kansas State Statute prohibits the discharge of a weapon from any roadway, or on (into) private property without the property owners consent. Offender(s) caught shooting off of the roadway or bridges will be prosecuted. Offenders shooting on or into private property will be prosecuted at the property owner's request. We want to ensure everyone's safety as well as protect livestock in the fields.
(K.S.A. 21-6308 / Criminal discharge of a firearm)

If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the Potwin City building or flag me down as I pass. I can also be reached by calling Butler County Sheriff (316) 322-4254 or e-mail me at mwaclawski@bucoks.com

Thank you for your assistance and understanding in these trying times.
Wishing you all a safe, happy, and healthy spring

Deputy Mark Waclawski
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Potwin / Whitewater

INVESTIGATIONS

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TO REPORT CRIME TIPS

PHONE: 316-322-8817 EMAIL: CRIMETIPS@BUCOKS.COM TOLL FREE: 866-484-5924



Potwin PRIDE News

The PRIDE steering committee didn't meet in April for the monthly meeting due to the current situation with the coronavirus. Future projects planned may be changed. National Night Out has been changed to October 6. As of now we will still sponsor city wide garage sales June 12 and 13 with Whitewater, but if no one signs up by May 29 or the coronavirus situation is still a problem, we will consider canceling the event. You can return the form below by May 29 if you would like to sign up for a garage sale, but do not pay at this time. The advertisement fee of \$6 will be collected the day of the sale.

Since this is the 50th year of Kansas PRIDE, they have sent us a "Mr. Flat Stanley PRIDE" to use to take pictures of it with our projects. Look for him in the pictures in the newsletter. Also there is a coloring page for youth in this newsletter to color and take a picture at their favorite thing about our community. If they take a picture and send it to potwinlibrary@wheatstate.com they will receive a prize and their picture will be printed in the newsletter. If they want, Melvina or Tonya would take their picture for them to use.

We are still doing the **Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry Garden** project. On April 2, **Melvina Jones, Velene Brown, Charlie Baker, Alan Whiteside, and Judy Buffin** cut up 60 pounds of potatoes at the Methodist Church garage while trying to stay 6 foot apart. "Mr. Flat Stanley PRIDE" came by later after the potatoes were laid out to dry and also showed up at the garden for the planting. On April 7, Melvina and Charlie Baker tilled the garden to plant ten rows of potatoes. Youth from the **Dyck and Blackfox** families and **John Boccia** came to help, again trying to keep their distance from others. On April 21, Melvina and the Dyck family youth planted 5 rows of sweet corn. In May we will be planting the tomatoes, cucumbers, and sweet potatoes.

Melvina Jones, secretary





**COLOR ME - THEN TAKE ME TO YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY!
TAKE A PICTURE SHOWING ME THERE AND SEND IT TO:**

potwinlibrary@wheatstate.com

Corona Virus Relief

Woman to Woman Ministries and Convoy of Hope has partnered with several other organizations to begin coordinating relief packages to fill the massive need within our community.

Are you in need of support? Have you lost your job? Have you been quarantined and can't leave your home? COVID-19 has affected us all.

No matter the need we encourage folks to apply at the following link

www.convoyofhopewichita.com

You must fill out the link to receive help. If you need help with filling out the link please call 316.522.7148 or 316.252.9854 and someone will fill out the link for you.



CV - 19 Disaster Relief of Butler County

Butler County has partnered with other organizations to begin coordinating relief packages to fill this massive need within our community. Your support by donating the following items are needed.

- Distilled and Bottled Water
- Antibacterial Soap
- Tissue (Rolls and/or Packages)/Paper towels
- Alcohol swab/pads
- Hand Sanitizers
- Disposable plastic gloves
- Napkins/Kleenex
- Disinfectant antibacterial sprays
- Face Masks
- Bleach
- Feminine hygiene items
- Baby diapers
- Baby wipes
- Baby Formula
- Baby bottles, socks, and onesie
- Undamaged can goods
- Canned Goods (Unopened & Unexpired)
- Packages of Meat (Unopened & Unexpired)
- Kid acceptable meals (noodles, cereal, hotdogs, PB&J, popcorn, fruit, pizza, ETC)
- Gluten-Free / Diabetic food
- Board games/Puzzles
- Crayons and Coloring book

***ALL items (with the exception of tissue we WILL take by the roll) *MUST BE NEW and in ORIGINAL PACKAGING if applicable.**

Drop Off Locations

Family Worship Center
701 S. Richison
El Dorado, KS
Drop off Box daily in West Parking lot

St. John's Catholic Church
302 N Denver
El Dorado, KS
Tuesdays, 10-2 North Side Door

Latham Methodist Church
236 Cherry St
Latham, KS
Wednesdays, 5-7pm

City of Leon
111 S Main
Leon, KS
(316) 742-3438
Mon - Thursday 8-3

Anita's Mexican Grill
2529 W Central
Eldorado, KS
11-8 During Business hours
Donation box located in the first set of doors

Dollar General
536 N Main
El Dorado, KS
Drop box located inside store
Mon- Sun 9am-3pm

For more information, partnerships and volunteer opportunities call [316.338.6480](tel:3163386480), PO Box 735 Andover, KS 67007

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Summer Hours

Monday – Saturday

6am – 10pm

Sunday

8am – 8pm

*Pizza area will shut down 30 minutes before
the store closes

2020 Potwin City Wide Garage Sales June 12 and 13

Sign up for the Potwin city wide garage sales on June 12 and 13. Fill out the form below and return it by **May 29** to the city office or Melvina Jones. The \$6 fee will be collected the day of the sales to help pay for advertising in the Shopper's Guide, The Wichita Eagle, Newton Kansan, and Prairie Advisor. Your sale will be listed on the Potwin map and the maps will be distributed in Potwin and Whitewater. We will again have it the same day as Whitewater and advertise with them.

Sponsored by Potwin PRIDE Inc.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Description of sale items: _____

Friday _____

Saturday _____

Both days _____

Hello Potwin:

I hope everyone is staying safe and well in these unprecedented times. I know you are all probably tired of cooking, or maybe you just need a couple of new recipes to get you back in the mood. I have a spaghetti recipe that I have been making for over 50 years that my grandkids love. (My kids did too!) They kind of turn their noses up at the jar sauce, and it is easy to make and so delicious. I always make the sauce, then put my water on to boil for the spaghetti (I always use angel hair, because I like the thinness of it) but use whatever spaghetti you want.

SPAGHETI MEAT SAUCE

1 pound ground beef
1 can chopped tomatoes
1 6 ounce can tomato past
1 or 2 - 8 ounce cans tomato sauce (depends on how saucy you want it)
Salt and pepper to taste
1 T. minced garlic or two cloves fresh garlic, minced
1 small onion, chopped
1 teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon dried basil
¼ teaspoon dried marjoram
¼ teaspoon parsley flakes
1/8 teaspoon celery salt
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 pound spaghetti or angel hair pasta

Brown ground beef, onion, salt, pepper and garlic. Drain grease and add rest of ingredients. Be sure to measure spices, because too much of one kind will make the sauce bitter. While cooking sauce on simmer, (you can simmer it up to 2 hours if you want) heat water for spaghetti and cook according to directions. Serve with salad and garlic bread, if desired.

We must always have dessert! This pie is really easy and good, but it must be served warm. If you have some left over, just put it in the microwave for 15 seconds and it's just as yummy as the first time!

EASY CHOCOLATE CHIP PIE

½ cup flour	¾ cup soft butter
½ cup granulated sugar	1 cup chocolate chips
½ cup packed brown sugar	1 cup chopped walnuts
2 eggs, beaten	9 inch pie crust



Line a 9-inch pie plate with pie crust, (boughten or homemade)

Blend flour, sugar, and brown sugar into eggs, add butter, mixing well. Fold in chocolate chips and walnuts. Pour into pie crust. Bake at 325 degree oven for 55 minutes or until knife inserted into middle of pie comes out clean. Serve warm with a side of ice cream.

Happy cooking!

LaVonne Baker



News from the Manor

Good Words from Chaplain Mike

We are continuing to provide spiritual care in this “lockdown” time. Chaplain is distributing daily devotionals during the week to residents. He is also reading them to those who are unable. Life Enrichment staff is helping with this and we very much appreciate that. In addition, Chaplain is reading Scripture, singing with and praying for those that need encouragement. We still do invite ones to come and have a prayer time outside the rooms that have the “praying hands” in the window—from 10 AM -12 PM daily until the quarantine is over. We are also putting local sermons on Wheat State Manor’s Channel 2 that residents can access in their rooms all day on Sundays. Many thanks for your prayers. We do need them and appreciate them! Ephesians 6:18!

May Birthdays

Rex Newcom	9 th
David Smith	23 rd
Ellen Myers	25 th
Edna Fletcher	31 st
June Casteel	31 st

May Birthday Cakes

Centre Point Church
May 19th

Help Wanted

- RN or LPN
- Certified Med Aide
- Night Shift



We ask that you continue to keep our residents and staff in your daily prayers. Although visitors are prohibited at this time, cards and notes are certainly welcome! Please prayerfully consider some family time with coloring pages to cheer our WSM family! You can either mail them or we can pick them up at the entrance door. THANK YOU for thinking of us during this difficult time!

Grandpa Harry and the Unusual Trophy Collection – by Rick McNary

Grandpa, why do you have that old saw hanging above your fireplace?” Ethan asked. “It’s kind of rusty.”

“It’s a trophy,” Harry said.

“A trophy? For what? It just looks like an old saw like you have out in the barn. I don’t see any words on it about what place it was and what the competition was. Who gave it to you?”

“Well, Grandson,” Harry chuckled. “I gave it to myself.”

“You gave yourself a trophy?” Ethan was incredulous.

“Yep. My Daddy taught me to celebrate my success by giving myself my own trophies. He taught me not to wait on someone else to reward my successes, but to do it myself. So, through the years, I’ve learned to reward myself when I’m successful with some memento from that experience.”

“Wow, that’s a great idea! I have some trophies I got in biddy basketball,” Ethan said.

“Well, congratulations,” Harry said. “It feels good to win first place, doesn’t it?”

“Oh, we didn’t win anything,” Ethan explained. “We didn’t keep score and no one won or lost, but we all got a trophy.”

“Really?” Harry was puzzled. “They gave everyone a trophy but no one won or lost? I reckon I’ve never heard of that before. I guess I was just raised to where only trophies went to the person or team who won.”

“So why is that saw a trophy?” Ethan asked.

“Pretty simple, really,” Harry explained. “Gladys and I built this cabin all by ourselves and back in that day, I didn’t have a lot of fancy power tools so I just used hand tools. I used that saw a lot on this cabin and, when we finally moved in, we hung it up there as a trophy.”

“You built this whole cabin with hand tools? Wow! Wasn’t that a lot of hard work?”

“Of course, it was,” Harry chuckled. “But hard work is good for the soul. There is no sleep as sweet as the kind that comes when you lay down after a hard day of work.”

“So, what other kind of trophies do you have?” Ethan scanned the room for other unusual things.

“Well, let’s go see” Harry rose out of the old rocker. Chauncey, the golden lab curled in the corner, opened one eye then drifted back to sleep.

“Over here on this shelf is the Bible that belonged to Gladys,” Harry flipped through the well-worn pages. “We were married 60 years before she passed away and she read this to me every morning before breakfast and every night before bed. This book had a lot to do with us having a good marriage; it has a lot of wisdom in it.”

“I never thought about a book being a trophy,” Ethan. “What’s the in that little box there?”

“That’s a Purple Heart,” Harry said as he opened the box. “Gladys made me put it there but I kind of wanted to keep it out of the way somewhere. I got that in World War Two.”

“Wow, Grandpa, I knew you were in the war, but I never knew you were wounded.”

“It’s not something I like to talk about or anything I like to think about. How about we go out in the barn and look at another trophy.”

“Sure!” Ethan said, carefully placing the Purple Heart on the shelf. He clasped his hand in the old man’s as they walked across the yard to the barn. Chauncey rose from his bed, stretched then fell in behind them.

“Grandpa, I was thinking about my trophies from biddy ball on my shelf at home and suddenly they don’t seem very important. When they handed them out they told us that there were no winners and no losers.”

“No winners and losers?” Harry chuckled. “Grandson, life is all about winning and losing. Life is a competition. Whether we like it or not, there are winners and there are losers. I wake up every day knowing that life is going to give me a fight or two and, by golly, I’m gonna win.

“So how do you choose which ones to fight and which ones to walk away from?”

“Oh, I don’t know. Most of its just paying attention to your gut.”

They reached the barn and swung the door open wide. Since Ethan’s last visit, Harry had taken the old ’49 Ford Pickup into town for a paint job and a new sign. The old sign had read, “Withers and Son Trucking,” but the new sign on the shiny black pickup now read, “Withers and Grandson Trucking”. Ethan traced the new lettering with his fingers. Harry had promised that one day that truck would belong to Ethan.

“Is this truck your best trophy, Grandpa Harry?” Ethan asked as he admired the new paint job.

“No, Grandson,” Harry replied. “I like that old truck and it means a lot to me, but you’re my best trophy. You are turning into a fine young man and giving this old man a reason to wake up in the morning again. You’ve given me courage to keep fighting the battle of life to stay alive. You’re the best trophy I could ever want. You are my reward.”



Whitewater Farm and Craft Market

will open on May 23, from 8:00 until 12:00

Due to recent events we will be taking extra precautions, spacing vendors out and vendors will wear gloves, masks. This is a requirement for us to open right now.

Thank you for your continued support of your market,
see you on May 23rd!



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