



Potwin, Kansas

This Is Potwin

June 2020



The North Butler 4-H Club met on Monday, May 11, 2020 with a Zoom meeting. The meeting was called to order by President, Shelby Henley. Cora Brackenridge led the Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by "My Favorite Ice Cream Is" from 14 members and one Leader. Austin Miller, Secretary, read the minutes of the March meeting. Debora Claassen recognized those members with an April or May birthday. She also reminded the club that the Fair Book will be online this year. As of now, the Butler County 4-H Fair is still scheduled for July 18th – July 23rd, 2020. The program began with Makenzie Creekmore doing a presentation

over Parliamentary Procedure, Definition and History. Makenzie also did a demonstration of "How to Make a Mask". Shelby Henley did a project talk over the "Beef Project" and her cattle for the County Fair. John Ferley did a demonstration on "How to Put Together a Bass Clarinet" and he played the B scale. Carson Brackenridge performed a talent by playing the song "Square Dance" on the piano. The June meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8th, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Members please watch your emails for further information. Submitted by Ella Amend, Club Reporter.



With the **4th of July** holiday approaching, here are a few important things for the city residents to be aware of: The discharge and selling of fireworks within the city limits is permitted only on the following times and dates:

June 27th through July 3rd 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

July 4th 10 a.m. – Midnight

July 5th 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

All fireworks must be fired on private property.

Children under 10 years of age must have adult supervision.

Have a happy and safe 4th!



Potwin PRIDE History

This month I thought I would highlight some of the projects that were mentioned by the panel of judges who visited Potwin each year for evaluation for the PRIDE awards. For several years Potwin PRIDE, received monetary awards to fund most of the projects.

In 1988, noted projects were the annual businessmen's dinner and recognition of volunteers, Potwin Arts and Community Education (PACE) including community theater and other programs, city wide garage sales, Christmas lights, and This Is Potwin newsletter. Five youth attended the state PRIDE meeting that year.

In 1989, noted projects were ballfield lights that were moved from Remington High School, PACE Community Theater, and Businessmen's Appreciation Dinner.

In 1990, **Melvina Jones** was chairperson, **Dean Schmidt** vice-chairperson, and **Alta Crawford** secretary-treasurer. Awards that year included 5th place community cash award of \$100, water conservation excellence, Media excellence for the newsletter, and third for the Dwight D. Eisenhower award. Projects highlighted were storm clean-up and community theater.

In 1991, Dean was chairperson, Melvina vice-chairperson, **David Denny** secretary, and **Pat Kasper** treasurer. Awards included water conservation merit, community outreach excellence, and media merit for This Is Potwin newsletter.

In 1992, Melvina was chairperson, Dean vice-chairperson, and Pat Kasper secretary-treasurer.

In 1993, Dean was chairperson, Ruth Ledbetter vice-chairperson, and Melvina secretary-treasurer.

In 1994, Dean was chairperson, **Glen Crawford** vice-chairperson, and Melvin Jones secretary-treasurer. These people held these offices through the 1997 year.

More information about these years and projects will be covered next month.

Melvina Jones secretary

Potwin PRIDE News

As of now, we will still sponsor city wide garage sales June 12 and 13 with Whitewater. If you want to have a garage sale, fill out the form in this newsletter and return it to the city office or to Melvina Jones by June 8 to get your sale on the map. We will collect \$6 for the advertising cost which you can pay when you turn in your form or it will be collected at your sale.

The city wide clean-up will be June 27. The Butler County clean-up days are June 20-27. The week of PRIDE that is usually the last week in May has been moved to the fall.

May has been a busy month for working at the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry Garden as we try to practice social distancing as much as possible. On May 1, 8 youth and 7 adults planted 93 tomato plants and three youth planted ten hills of cucumbers. We want to thank the Kelly Whittington family for growing the tomato plants. Melvina had to replant 10 of them as they got cut off by cut worms or washed out by the four inch rain. as did four watermelon plants Bertha Brandon had planted and she had to replant. On May 7, Melvina planted the last 5 rows of corn before it rained. On May 9, Charlie Baker and Melvina planted the flower barrels at King Park and the city office since the fourth graders were not in school to do it this year. They will keep them watered this summer too. Look for Mr. PRIDE flat Stanley in the picture. On May 20, Melvina tilled the potatoes, corn, and sweet potato ground. Peter and Eva Dyck hoed half of the potatoes in the morning. In the afternoon Lilli Young and Lucas Shockley hoed the rest of the potatoes and made the mounds for the sweet potatoes. On May 23, Dean, Melvina, Judy Buffin and Bertha planted 75 sweet potato plants. The next work day will be to cage and mulch the tomatoes when it gets dry enough to do it.

Another project we are working on is the old gas station. On May 24, Melvina helped Dean cut and pull out the trees in the back of the building. We will be having some work days to finish cleaning off the trees, replacing boards, and painting to make the corner look better.

If you would like to help with any of these projects, let us know.

Melvina Jones Secretary



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 and return it by **June 8** to the city office or Melvina Jones. The \$6 fee will be collected the day of the sale or you can pay it when you turn in the form 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 _____



Did you know?

According to Potwin City Ordinance No. 700, it is unlawful to litter in or on city streets, sidewalks, alleys, parks or other public right of ways in the city. This includes grass clippings blown into the street from your mower. Accumulation of the clippings leads to clogging in the city drains and causes flooding when it rains; this can be a real problem for the homes and businesses located near those drains. It is also against city code (Ch. 8, Article 2, Sections 8-401) to have weeds or indigenous grasses on residential property exceeding 12 inches, as these are considered a blighting influence.

The city limb pile out by the ball diamonds is for *limbs, logs, and wood with no nails only*. There is a sign as you enter the area with a list of what is not permitted. Recently there have been items such as tennis shoes, clothing, metal, wood with nails in it, and grass clippings in the pile. The pile is randomly spot checked by the state and the city could lose their permit for a burn pile if it contains items other than limbs, resulting in Potwin residents having to take all limbs to the county landfill.



JUST A REMINDER!

With the warmer weather and longer daylight hours upon us, we would like to remind parents in Potwin that there is an enforced curfew.

Children aged 16 and younger are not allowed to be on public property after **10:30 PM Sunday-Thursday and after 11:30 PM Friday and Saturday**.

This includes streets, parks, and sidewalks; on foot or in a vehicle.

You may read the official ordinance at the city office.

LAWN HEROES

620-752-3122

Never Fear
The
Lawn Heroes Are Here



2020 Community Vacation Bible School in Potwin

Answers VBS Incrediworld Amusement Park will be the theme for a five day backyard VBS later in June. Children pre-school through 6th grade will be invited in small groups to a backyard in Potwin to experience a thrill ride through God's creation. Plans are being made to have activities for 7th and 8th graders at the Carey farm on a Friday evening and Saturday. Youth will be notified when details are worked out.



Harvest Hill Honey Farms

Marietta Graham
Beekeeper



Whitewater, Kansas
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mrsr.graham@yahoo.com

Spring is here and so are the Honey Bee swarms

Please call me if you see a swarm and I will come capture it.
I can also do honey bee removals.
I sell local raw honey, handmade soaps and lotions.

Thank You, Marietta Graham

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Citywide Spring Clean-up

Saturday, June 27th - 7:00am-Noon

Items must be brought to the street for curbside pickup

Waste Connections requests all items to be collected be set at the curb prior to 7:00am, June 27th.

Waste Connections will make one pass thru the city.

Waste Connections asks that all items being collected need to be able to be handled by one person safely. General trash, small amounts of bundled brush or limbs, Furniture including, chairs, couches, tables. Appliances including, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves small electrical appliances such as TV's, computers, mixers, blenders. Patio grills, patio furniture, push lawn mowers (free of gas & oil) and lawn trimmers. Tree limbs and branches must be cut in 3ft. lengths and bundled for easy pickup. Any trash not in the trash cart must be in throwaway containers such as boxes or bags, no more than 30-gallon capacity. No loose trash or debris or no box or bag may exceed 40 pounds in weight.

Here is a list of items NO LANDFILL OR TRANSFER STATION will accept:

Car batteries, oil filters, fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, any asbestos materials, explosives, paint (we will take empty & dried up paint cans), no hazardous liquids (such as fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, diesel fuel, gas, oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, etc...) tires. REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS AND AIR CONDITIONERS must be tagged by a technician and must have the appropriate paper work with it in order for Waste Connections to pick it up

RMS 4th NINE WEEKS – 2020

SUPERINTENDENT'S ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

8TH GRADE:

Alexsis Anderson
Ashlynn Carpenter
Madelynn Cook
Addison Foreman
Maddi Hepner
Eva Hilgenfield
Dakota Hoch
Bri Hochstetler
Karoline Johnson
Sterling Lies
Brody Oberst
Andrew Peters
Kara Sommers
Gianna Van Zelfden

7TH GRADE:

Maggie Coats
Annie Entz
Calvin Gragg
Isaac Jury
Kole Klaassen
Libertie Robinson
Adam Scheffler
Addi Scribner

6TH GRADE:

Tia Ayres
Abi Entz
Hannah Jenkins
Kaitlyn Margreiter
Chelsea Willour
Olivia Wisdom

5TH GRADE:

Jude Bowlin
Gabe Bumm
Jereb Buttel
Jaivyn Greene
Cheyenne Hoch
Elliott Hochstetler
Landrey Jensen
Reuben Jury
Kynzee Klaassen
Tyrel Koehn
Denver McCormick
Peyton Ryan
Lawson Wiebe
Seth Wiebe
Landon Winn

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL - A'S AND NO MORE THAN 2 B'S

8TH GRADE:

Colton Barnes
Makenzie Creekmore
Kyleigh Hayworth
Ava Klaassen
Mallory Meyer
Aja Spencer
Caden Yepma
Lilli Young

7TH GRADE:

Laila McCormick
Leo Story
Jozelynn Weerts

6TH GRADE:

Severo De La Rosa
Keeson Entz
Britany Klaassen
Cambree Lawler
Hayley Mertes
Madison Morrow
Kassidy Peters
Sheyenne Pinkston
Parker Thunberg

5TH GRADE:

Brooklyn Barnes
Pearl Brehm
Abi Taylor

RED AND WHITE HONOR ROLL - A'S AND B'S

8TH GRADE:

Kepler Entz

7TH GRADE:

Aidan Foreman

6TH GRADE:

Delken Hall
Colt Koehn
Zoe Regier

5TH GRADE:

Peter Dyck
Serenity Rogers
Sterling Scribner
Trenton Taber
Samuel Tillotson





News from the Manor

Good Words from Chaplain Mike

We are continuing to provide spiritual care during our "lockdown" with daily devotionals, worship and songs in rooms, and personal visits. It is still uncertain when this time will come to an end. We are very grateful to our owner and supportive churches for their messages online through Facebook and You Tube. As mentioned last month, the residents are seeing these local sermons on Sunday mornings on the "in-house" TV channel in their rooms. Also, an outside fence is being constructed between Halls 2 and 3, that will provide a large triangular area for the residents to go out and get fresh air and sunshine! Weather permitting, it will be done soon. We very much thank the Wheat State Manor Board for approving this. We thank you for your prayers. We have prayed for YOU, also. Let us know how we can further pray for you and if there is anything we can do for you during this time. Psalm 18:1,2 are good verses for depending on God's strength during these challenging times. God's blessings to all.

June Birthdays

Sharon DeJean 4th
James Wilson 23rd

June Birthday Cakes

North Butler 4H Club
June 16th

Help Wanted

RN or LPN
Days or Evenings

Please remember our staff in your prayers as they continue the battle to keep the virus out of our building. Also, our residents look forward to mail delivery each day. Cards and notes are always appreciated!

Fun & Games

Staff and residents celebrated Nursing Home Week with some fun activities. Several made and entered a paper airplane contest. The flight line was Hall Three with Austin Tice as our staff winner and Jeff Wilson our resident winner. A photo shoot was held with residents dressing in funny hats and such. Share your Wisdom Wednesday allowed all to post a note about "what you would tell your younger self". Dean Hopkins and Debbie Norman performed a mini concert outside the Dining Room window for us to enjoy. Staff also decorated face masks and our residents served as judges. Victoria Parsons was our winning artist. It was a fun week for all!



Joe Dreiling gets ready to launch his airplane



Victoria Parsons and her winning mask



Rex Newcom and Ruth Ledbetter lookin' good!



Rex Newcom enjoying the concert from the window



NW Butler Co. Farm & Craft Market 501(c)3

Like us on **Facebook** for Visitor Info

Vendors will set up on the walk in front of
Centre Point Church and Bruhn Coffee House, 212 S Main, Whitewater, KS 67154

Open every other Saturday **8:00 am** until **12:00 pm**

RAIN OR SHINE

2020 Farm & Craft Market Dates

May 23 / June 6, 20 / July 4, 18 / August 1, 15, 29

Fall Festival Market - October 3

Christmas Market - December 12

Shop the vendor booths, have breakfast and lunch at the "Outdoor Bistro" and visit the shops on Main Street, Whitewater, KS, USA



Hello June! It doesn't seem possible that we are still in the quarantine mode. Slowly opening back up the economy and sending people back to work is a good thing. I know everyone is cooking more and here is a comfort food and easy recipe for you. It is usually my go-to dish if I take someone a meal. I combine it with a salad and some green beans and then add a desert, and Voila! It is a meal.

Tater Tot Casserole

32 oz. bag of tater tots
2 pounds of hamburger
1 can cheddar cheese soup
1 can cream of celery soup
1 chopped onion
1 tablespoon minced garlic
Shredded cheddar cheese

Brown ground beef, onion, and garlic. Drain off grease and return meat to skillet. Add both cans of soup and mix all together. Put hamburger mixture into a 9x13 pan. Sprinkle 6 ounces of shredded cheddar cheese on top of meat. Arrange tater tots on top of meat in neat rows and bake at 450 degrees for 20-25 minutes, until the tots are browned. In the last 5 minutes, sprinkle cheddar cheese on top of tots to melt.

JoAnn's Banana Bread

2 ½ cups flour
1 cup sugar
3 ½ teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
3 T. salad oil
¾ cup milk
1 egg
1 cup mashed bananas (2-3)
1 cup chopped nuts

Combine and whisk dry ingredients, then add rest of ingredients and beat for half a minute with a mixer, scraping sides of bowl. Do not over mix! Divide dough between 2 greased 4 ½ by 8 ½ inch bread pans and bake for 45-55 minutes, until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Immediately remove from pans and cool on wire racks. This is so easy and uses up the last of your uneaten bananas. Sometimes, I drizzle honey on top of each loaf in the last 10 minutes of baking.

Hopefully, we will get back to being somewhat normal by the end of the month. Enjoy cooking!

LaVonne Baker



Friends of the Library *Chair-ity* Auction



Do you have wooden chairs stacked in a corner collecting dust? Would you like to donate those chairs to a great cause? Friends of the Library are planning a *Chair-ity* Auction in November as a fundraiser for Whitewater Memorial Library and Potwin Public Library.

Please call 316-799-2471 (Whitewater Memorial Library) or 620-752-3421 (Potwin Public Library) about donating your wooden chairs. We are also in need of artists to paint the donated chairs. Chairs will need to be sealed with a paint sealant upon completion.

If you determine to paint a copyrighted logo, you must first get permission. A Friends of the Library board member (Karen Hujing, Pam Harber, or Lori Furgason) will help you with this process. If you would like to paint a chair, please leave your name and telephone number with your local library. Your donation of chairs and artistic talent are greatly appreciated! All proceeds go to programs at Whitewater Memorial Library and Potwin Public Library. If you would like to become a member of Friends of the Library Whitewater, please contact Pam Harber or Jean at the library.



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