



Potwin, Kansas

This Is Potwin

August 2020



2020 Scholarship Awards



Hannah Johnson is this year's Pat Halabi Memorial Scholarship recipient and one of the Edna and Mae Mertz Scholarship recipients.

Shelby Henley is this year's Keith Sommers Scholarship recipient this year and one of the Edna and Mae Mertz Scholarship recipient.



Maximus Reese is this year's RD Allen Scholarship recipient.

Abigail Entz is one of the Edna and Mae Mertz Scholarship recipients.





Potwin PRIDE News

We have been busy at the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry Garden this month. On July 6, 9 youth and 11 adults dug 291 pounds of potatoes. We have also harvested 393 pounds of corn, 358 pounds of tomatoes, and 118 pounds of cucumbers for a total of 1,160 pounds this year. A workday was planned to clear the corn stalks and plant turnips, but it was cancelled due to a nice rain we had. It will be rescheduled when it is dry enough.

Besides giving vegetables to the Bread of Life community food pantry at the Christian Church, we have sent vegetables to the Salvation Army and Union Rescue Mission in Wichita. Thanks to Bud DeBacker and Ronnie Jackson for taking them.

Fresh vegetables have been and will continue to be available for the Potwin community for a free will donation at the Methodist Church garage usually on Monday. Check the bulletin board at the Post Office or watch for the doors to be open.

We want to thank Sherri Wedel and Sammy Smith for putting up the flags on July 4.

The PRIDE committee did meet on July 18, but due to the cancellation of the Watermelon Festival due to the virus situation and the hot weather no other projects other than the garden are planned at this time. The next PRIDE meeting will be August 20 at 7:30 PM at the Community House.



Melvina Jones, secretary

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Adrian Spencer

“Never Fear The “Lawn Heroes” Are Here”



Happy August! While we would probably talk about back to school things, we are still in summer mode, thanks to Co-Vid. Well, my table and counters look like summer. They are brimming with tomatoes. I have frozen some, and Charlie has given away a few. Now I am getting ready to freeze some more. There are some more on the vines, so I will have to get cracking to finish the ones on the counter off. I have also had my sister staying with me as she had shoulder surgery and is in the recovery mode, but only has one hand to do anything, so needed a little help. She came up with a good recipe for tomatoes, cucumbers and red onion that I will share with you.

Sister Sarah's Cucumber Salad

Whole red onion, sliced
Three cucumbers, peeled and sliced

Put in bowl and cover with Italian dressing (she likes Kraft Zesty Italian), let stand overnight. When ready to serve, cut up two tomatoes into chunks, mix with the cucumbers and onions and sprinkle with feta cheese on top. This is a yummy way to use up garden produce.

Of course, I have to have something sweet to even things up with the vegetables. This recipe is sometimes on the back of the brown sugar bag, but if you have not bothered to try it, you are really missing a treat. My twins want me to make them a whole pan JUST FOR THEM for their birthday every year. Chanda will share with her sister, but Jarret rarely shares with his family, and they all love them too.

Choco-Coconut Bars

1 ½ cup flour
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup butter, cold
¼ teaspoon salt

Combine 1st 4 ingredients with pastry blender. Pat evenly into ungreased 13"x9" pan. Bake at 375 degree oven for 10 min. Sprinkle 1 cup chocolate chips over crust. Return to oven for one minute, spread chocolate evenly.

2 eggs
1 cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ teaspoon salt
1 ½ cup coconut

2 tablespoons flour

While crust is baking, beat eggs in mixer til thick and light colored. Beat in sugar and vanilla. Stir in flour mixed with baking powder and salt. Then add coconut. Spread evenly over the chocolate layer. Bake for 14 minutes in 375 degree oven. Cool and slice into bars.

The most gooey delicious bar you have ever eaten! Happy summer!
LaVonne Baker



June 19, 2020

Dear Friends and Family,

As you are all aware, every nursing home in America was locked down in mid-March because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This order was given by the Federal Government as a way to protect and isolate our most vulnerable population who are elderly residents in nursing homes with underlying medical conditions.

We stopped admitting new people immediately and concentrated on caring for the residents we had. We implemented enhanced cleaning and rigorous health screening of staff on every shift, every day. These systems are still in place.

As of this date, there have been ZERO cases of COVID-19 here at Wheat State.

You are probably hearing now about opening the nursing homes for visitation. It will be a complicated, slow process. We are required to submit a re-opening plan to the Butler County Health Department which will outline how we will open up visitation to outsiders. The plan will include the following elements:

1. Create a plan for COVID-19 testing of staff and residents, and when this plan would be implemented. [Testing is not mandatory, but there may be a point where we have to do testing.]
2. Create a plan for reporting suspected and confirmed cases to the government as well as the families.
3. Create a plan with a phased approach to reopening, based on factors identified in consultation with County Health Officers. The timing would lag behind the opening of the rest of the county.

We don't know how long this process will take, but rest assured, we will take every precaution to move forward as soon as it is safe to do so.

The hardship that this closing has created for our residents and those who love them has been huge. While we have been able to give them sunshine, fresh air and good care, we still need our families and community.

We offer video conferencing with residents and you can call me during business hours if you have questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael E. Smith".

Michael E Smith
Administrator



News from the Manor

Good Words from Chaplain Mike

Our Administrator, Mike Smith, has given out these requests for the Manor. We appreciate your prayers. Ephesians 6:18!

- For the Lord to be ever present to the families and residents in this time of separation.
- For the leaders of Wheat State, that they be guided safely through the process of re-uniting families.
- For the staff to continue to be of good cheer in their service to the residents.
- For our community and the churches who have endured separation of their loved ones.
- For our government that they be filled with wisdom, compassion and courage in their duties.

Help Wanted

- RN or LPN Charge Nurse Evenings

August Birthdays

Denise <u>Magathan</u>	12 th
<u>Vernail</u> Walker	20 th
Darla Seale	22 nd

August Birthday Cakes

Potwin Christian Church
August 18th



Mary Marquardt & Rex Newcom enjoying a tasty treat



Homemade Ice Cream

August Back To School Basics

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