



# This Is Potwin

Potwin, Kansas

October 2020



## Potwin PRIDE News

We are planning to have the National Night Out from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on October 6. See the flyer for more information.

We have harvested 2,849 pounds of produce at the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry Garden. That includes 1,687 pounds of tomatoes and the first 17 pounds of turnips that were pulled on September 21. It also includes about 134 pounds of watermelons that Bertha planted and watered in the garden. The Dyck family who have helped for several years, but have moved to Texas recently, got the first one that weighed 28 pounds. There was one that weighed 35 pounds and one that weighed 21 pounds. There were about 25 melons on the four plants.

We have planned workdays to make improvements at the old station, but have decided to wait to see if it is going to be torn down within a year before putting more time into the project.

The next PRIDE meeting will be October 15 at 7:00 PM at the Community House.

Melvina Jones, secretary





The North Butler 4-H Club met on Monday August 10, 2020 for their monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by President, Shelby Henley. Cora Brackenridge led the Flag Salute. Ella Amend led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by “My Favorite fair project was” by 12 members in person and on zoom. The minutes of the last meeting were not available. Treasure’s report was read. Debora Claassen recognized those members with an August birthday. She reminded the club that the Kansas State Fair would be virtual this year and entries are due August 27, 2020. She also encouraged members to start working on their record books. The program began with Carson Brackenridge giving a project talk over his Buymanship outfit he took to the County Fair. Makenzie Creekmore presented parliamentary procedure rules. Rustin McLaughlin led the club in “Old McDonald”. Desiree Ingalsbe completed the program by showing the club her paintings she took to the County Fair. Members signed up for offices they would like to hold in the next year. Elections will be held at the next meeting. As part of a community service project, members brought their fair projects and made a short video to show residents at Wheat State Manor.

The North Butler 4-H Club met on Monday September 14, 2020 for their monthly meeting at Emmaus Mennonite Church. The meeting was called to order by President, Shelby Henley. Cora Brackenridge led the Flag Salute. Ella Amend led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by “My Favorite Sport” by 13 members. There were 5 youth guests present. The minutes of the last meeting were not available. Treasure’s report was read. Debora Claassen led the Leader’s Report by recognizing those members who had September birthdays. She also acknowledged 4 members who entered in the Kansas State Fair: Ella Amend, Cora Brackenridge, Shelby Henley and Harley McLaughlin. She reminded the club that Record Books and KAP entries are due September 23, 2020 in order for her to sign. New Business included 3 motions passed and seconded for future community service projects. The program began with Cora Brackenridge leading the group in singing and dancing to the “Chicken Dance”. The Nomination Committee, comprising of Ella Amend and Ann and Cora Brackenridge, led the club in elections and voting for offices for 2020-2021. The next scheduled meeting is October 12th, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Emmaus Mennonite Church with precautions and zoom meeting available.

-Ella Amend, Club Reporter

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# OCTOBER ACTIVITIES AT POTWIN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HEADS UP GUYS!

You are invited to a **men's breakfast at 8:30 AM October 3, 2020 at Potwin Christian Church.**

There will be breakfast, fellowship, and devotions. Please come and bring a friend!

**On October 10, 2020, there will be a wiener roast** at Dave and Stephanie Willits. Please bring a side to share as hot dogs, buns, and drinks are furnished. Please bring a lawn chair. There are trails to explore, so if you are looking for some fun outdoor time, head our way. For directions to Dave and Stephanie's, call LaVonne at 620-752-3454 or 316-650-5744. Hope to see you!

We are now streaming live on Facebook but are still working on a few glitches. Technology, isn't it wonderful!??? If you can't physically join us, please follow us on Facebook.

## LAWN HEROES

620-752-3122

“Never Fear The “Lawn Heroes” Are Here”



# Potwin Ponderings

by Velene Brown

Wow...its been well over six months since the pandemic has come to haunt us all! There are all sorts of things we've learned to do or redo or undo...and the following is just my sometimes humorous take on it:

We all have had to learn to deal with new“ normals” like social distancing and the “ever popular” mask fashions. Being retired and living just outside of Potwin, I already had learned to social distance by becoming a part-time hermit(prior to the virus), but now I social distance at church, the post office, Walmart, Dillons,etc. just about anywhere I go! I've learned in clothing stores to guess what it will look like when I try it on...because I can't try it on at the store anymore! If I misjudged it...I just take it back and try again. So I have become a receipt saving queen ( I never did very well at that before) After my husband traveled to Texas and back for a sister's surgery, not only did we learn to self quarantine but I even learned how to spell it! When we do go out to eat (which isn't near as often as it used to be)....we appreciate the six foot distances, but it took a while to remember to ask for salt and pepper, sweetner and such because it just isn't on the table anymore. I have also noted that everybody is using it for an excuse!! “Our call wait times are longer than normal...due to covid”....(so I'm wondering what excuse will be used when its all over)....”Our call wait times are longer due to the fact that we still haven't got our act together”.... post covid?

So the newness of the New Normal is only surpassed by the little heartbreaks of Covid: Just in our little community ....we have seen the disappearance of 2020 Potwin Watermelon Festival and Old Peoples Day as well as the lack of the traditional High School graduation... but I think what makes me the saddest is that our friends at Wheat State Manor can't have “in person” visits and that some people that have passed away still haven't had a service. (my uncle from Augusta is one)

Some people have used more “at home time” to their advantage. I've heard that photos that have long needed to be put in albums finally have made it... (however, mine sure haven't!), that there was a lot more baking going on than normal, and if the lack of canning supplies available to purchase is any indication; there have been a record number of gardens planted and harvested in Butler County this past year.



My sister(while furloughed from her job for 8 weeks) taught herself how to do Mandela rock painting. (See photo) She's always been the creative one but she said doing the painting helped keep her from fretting! I was the lucky recipient of four of her creations, however she says that mailing rocks for birthday gifts is not very economically responsible!! (smile) Even though it's undoubtedly an understatement....Guess after Covid finally runs its course, we will all be grateful. Here's hoping we will continue to wash our hands more often than we used to!

### Paying It Forward:

I like to think we are a caring community and that we like to take care of our own, so I just want to offer a Huge Hats Off to Kelly and Irene Whittington who plant the tomato seeds in advance so that the PAR garden doesn't have to purchase the plants. They plant enough that they give away even more to anybody that ask (or at least they did to me!) Kelly told me that since the garden is named after his father, he felt like he should contribute something to it..... (Thanks Whittingtons for your kindness!)

Just imagine what would happen if every other one of us paid it forward! Just like in the movie! What an amazing community we would be!



# **Potwin National Night Out**

## **October 6, 2020**

Lions Club Shelter House

### **Hot Dogs and Ice Cream**

### **6:00 to 7:00 PM**

Hot dogs cooked and furnished by Butler County  
Sheriff Kelly Herzet

Ice cream and cake furnished by PRIDE

Drinks furnished by Wheat State Technologies

Get to know your neighbors and sheriff officers.

Social distancing and face masks recommended.

Potwin PRIDE Inc. will be recognizing the volunteers who helped at the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry Garden and other community improvement projects.

Sponsored by: **Potwin PRIDE Inc.**  
**Butler County Sheriff Department**  
**Wheat State Technologies**

This has been the weirdest year so far. But I think with kids going back to school, a little normalcy is on the horizon. I found this easy pork chop recipe in an old cookbook. JoAnn loves to buy old cookbooks at garage/estate sales and then we both go through them and mark what we want to try. The best ones are from churches with their down-home recipes, so the pork chops and the Lemon Blossoms are from two old cookbooks. Which ones, I have no idea as we have been through a lot of them. Hope you enjoy them. LaVonne Baker

### Creamy Pork Chops

4 pork chops  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1 packet of Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing Mix

Place pork chops in bottom of crock pot. Pour soup on top and sprinkle packet of dressing mix on top. Cover and cook on high for 4 hours or low for 6 hours. Can serve with mashed potatoes or over rice.

### Lemon Blossoms

1 box yellow cake mix  
1 3.5 oz. pkg Instant Lemon pudding mix  
4 large eggs  
¾ cup vegetable oil

### Glaze

4 cups powdered sugar  
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice  
Zest of 1 lemon  
3 tablespoons vegetable oil  
3 tablespoons water

To make glaze, sift the sugar into a mixing bowl. Add the lemon juice, zest, oil, and water. Mix with a spoon until smooth.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray miniature muffin tins with vegetable oil cooking spray. Combine the cake mix, pudding mix, eggs and oil and a blend well with an electric mixer until smooth, about 2 minutes. Pour a small amount of batter, filling each muffin tin half way. Bake for 12 minutes or until tops are lightly browned. Turn out onto a tea towel or rack. With fingers, (I used two forks) dip the cupcakes in glaze while they are still warm, covering as much of the cake as possible, or spoon the glaze over the warm cupcakes, turning them to completely coat. Place on wire rack with waxed paper underneath to catch any drips and let the glaze set thoroughly, about an hour, before storing in containers with tight fitting lids.



## News from the Manor

### Good Words from Chaplain Mike

In my daily visiting with the residents during these days, Scripture, hymns and prayer have been very important and uplifting. Ephesians 6:18 instructs Christians about prayer: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.." Here are the words of a hymn about prayer, written in 1876 by Mary Ann Pepper Kidder.

It asks some convicting questions to a believer in Christ:

Ere you left your room this morning,

Did you think to pray?

In the name of Christ, our Savior,

Did you ask for loving favor,

As a shield today?

When you met with great temptation,

Did you think to pray?

By His dying love and merit,

Did you claim the Holy Spirit

As your guide and stay?

When your heart was filled with anger,

Did you think to pray?

Did you plead for grace, my brother,

That you might forgive another

Who has crossed your way?

When sore trials came upon you,

Did you think to pray?

When your soul was bowed in sorrow,

Balm of Gilead did you borrow

At the gates of day?

CHORUS:

Oh, how praying rests the weary!

Prayer will change the night to day;

So, when life seems dark and dreary,

Don't forget to pray.

Enough said. 😊



*Bob Schroeder enjoying a homemade donut*



## October Birthdays

Bob Schroeder	6 <sup>th</sup>
Maureen Smith	8 <sup>th</sup>
Elouise Bruington	18 <sup>th</sup>
Tana Fender	31 <sup>st</sup>

## October Birthday Cakes

Palmyra Baptist Church

October 20<sup>th</sup>



*Tricia Fee delivering popsicles*

We now have an ice cream truck at the Manor. With a little help from Maintenance and an old electric wheelchair Tricia Fee is able to drive and deliver cold treats to our residents. It is complete with music and flashing lights. It is a huge hit with residents and staff alike. Thank you Mary Hopkins for purchasing it for us!



Bring your little goblins to the foyer of the Manor on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00pm. We will have bags of candy prepared for pickup. Please walk past the Solarium windows on the East side of the building so our residents can wave as they watch the "monster parade"

## Help Wanted

- RN or LPN Charge Nurse - Evenings
- Med Aide – Evenings
- Dietary Aide - Must be 18 or older
- Housekeeper – Days & Weekends
- Laundry – Days & Weekends



*Louvina Miller, Sonya Burnes & Ruth Ledbetter eating watermelon*



*Rex Newcom eating watermelon*



From  
Wheat  
State  
Manor



# Trick or Treat Street

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup> 2020, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Celebrate the SPOOKY HOLIDAY by coming to downtown Whitewater and get treats from the LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

## **BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING:**

ALLMOND LLC  
BELL AUTOMOTIVE  
BUTLER RURAL WATER DISTRICT #7  
COUNTRYAID VET SERVICE (at bank corner)  
KRUEGER INSURANCE MANAGEMENT  
LAMB FUNERAL HOME  
MOM'S CAFÉ  
PRECISION CUTS  
RAVENS CRAFT IMPLEMENT INC.  
SOMMER ROSE  
VINTAGE BANK KANSAS  
WHEAT STATE MANOR  
WHITEWATER CITY BUILDING  
WHITEWATER FIRE DEPT. OFFICE  
WHITEWATER LOCKER  
WHITEWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
WHITEWATER PIZZA PARLOR  
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**Please follow the KDHE recommendations for celebrating Halloween by wearing a mask and keeping at least 6-feet between you and others.**



**JOIN THE FUN OR BE HAUNTED!**



Contact Amber for Questions 316-799-2137

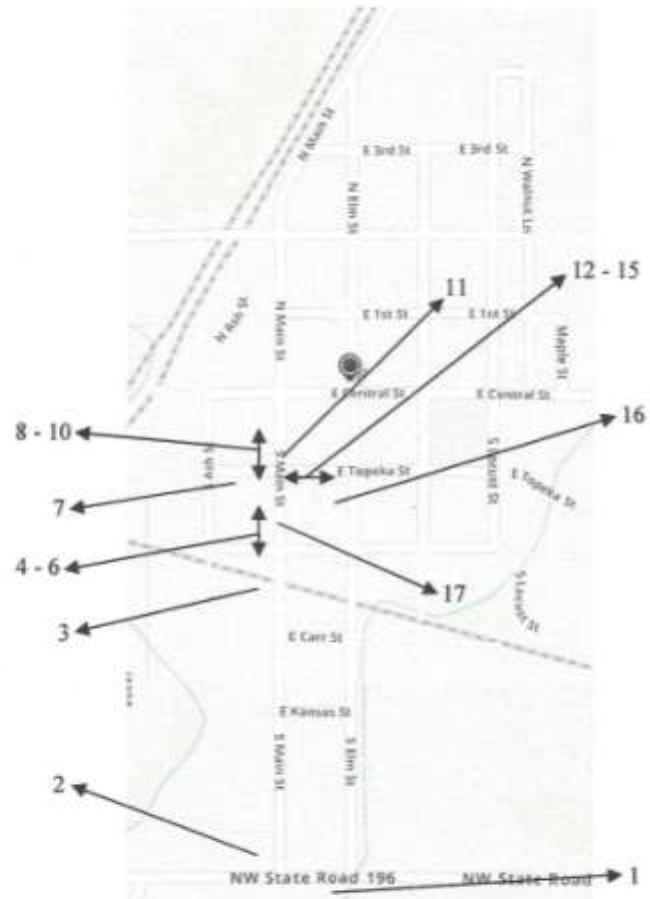


## MAP OF WHITEWATER

### BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING:

1. BELL AUTOMOTIVE
2. WHEAT STATE MANOR
3. RAVENSCRAFT IMPLEMENT INC.
4. MOM'S CAFÉ
5. WHITEWATER PIZZA PARLOR
6. ALLMOND LLC
7. WHITEWATER LOCKER
8. SOMMER ROSE
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16. WHITEWATER CITY BUILDING
17. WHITEWATER FIRE DEPT. OFFICE

**\*FOLLOW NUMBER SEQUENCE FOR MOST EFFICIENT ROUTE.**



### PHOTO OP!

Come check out our fun Halloween house photo opportunity!  
Strut your stuff, show off your costume and take some amazing pictures to remember  
Trick-or-Treat Street 2020! Share your photos on social media with  
**#WWTrickOrTreat**

\*Located at the Santa House across from the bank.





**NW Butler Co. Farm & Craft Market**

**Fall Festival Market**

**October 5, 2020**

**Open from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm**

Vendors will set up on the sidewalk on

Main St, Whitewater, KS 67154

**RAIN OR SHINE**

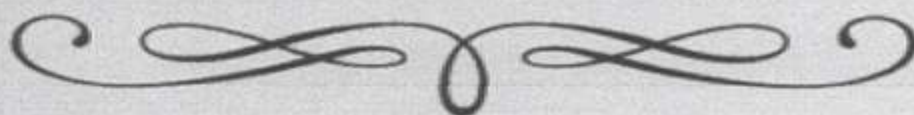
Shop the vendor booths, have breakfast and lunch at the "Outdoor Bistro"  
and visit the shops on Main Street, Whitewater, KS, USA

Like us on [Facebook](#) for Vendor and Visitor Information.

# *Vintage Bank Kansas Customer Appreciation Pancake Feed*

and

## *Friends of the Library Chair-ity Auction*



Saturday, November 7, 2020

American Legion Building and Park 108  
E Topeka St., Whitewater, KS

Hand painted CHAIRS by local artists will be sold  
by silent auction 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (pancake  
feed ends at 10:00). Pickup preferred by 11:30  
a.m.

Cash, check, card, PayPal for auction

Proceeds go to programs for Whitewater Memorial  
Library and Potwin Public Library

See chair photos at both libraries and at  
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[facebook.com/potwinpubliclibrary](https://facebook.com/potwinpubliclibrary).



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Proceeds benefit the Remington Booster Club.

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Remington Booster Club orders are distributed at the schools,  
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Please note manufacturer size charts which are provided for all items.  
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Or contact one of the schools and they will help you get  
what you need.

## Potwin Public Library News

We would like to thank everyone who has donated time, books, and monetarily to the library this year. The community is truly blessed by your continued support.

During this unusual time, we continue to offer many services. If you are unsure if we can assist you, please give us a call.

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