



This Is Potwin

Potwin, Kansas

November 2020

Potwin PRIDE News



This month I would like to pay a special tribute to Dean Schmidt. He was the mayor of Potwin for 33 years, our Potwin PRIDE chairperson for many years and served on the state PRIDE board several years. He was instrumental in helping Ken Whittington start the Plant a Row for the Hungry community garden in 2000 and helped with it when he was able. This year he helped lay out the tomatoes and plant sweet potatoes and turnips. This year he cut down the trees at the old gas station for that cleanup project. He helped get lights put up at the ball field two times including when we moved the poles from Remington High School and the new poles in 2017. He helped the Lions Club start the motorcycle Sundays to fund the light project. He put up the American flag on the poles for special holidays with the help of others. PRIDE, the city of Potwin, and the Lions Club worked together on many projects because of his leadership. These on only a few of the things he did to improve the town of Potwin. He will be missed and hopefully other people will step up to continue to make Potwin a better place to live. Adam Johnson is the new mayor and he has big shoes to fill.

On a beautiful night about 55 people attended National Night Out on October 6. They enjoyed hot dogs furnished by Sheriff Kelly Herzet and cooked by his helpers. PRIDE furnished ice cream and cupcakes and Wheat State Technologies furnished the drinks. Several sheriff officers were introduced and some spoke about things we need to look out for in our community. Tonya Taber presented Kelly a certificate of appreciation for his service to our community.



Melvina Jones presented Velene Brown project chairperson the plaque PRIDE received for Project Excellence Award for cleaning up the old café yard last year. The plaque is on display at Emprise Bank.

We have finished harvesting at the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry Garden due to the freezing temperatures and snow. We harvested 4,054 vegetables this year. Eight adults and eight youth dug 651 pounds of sweet potatoes on October 9 with the biggest one weighing 11 pounds. We have pulled 867 pounds of turnips with a few little ones left. We have picked 1,975 pounds of tomatoes including 122 pounds of green tomatoes. We still have to get the tomatoes cleaned off and get the garden tilled this fall. We want to thank everyone who has helped at the garden this year. Over 350 hours have been volunteered at the garden this year.



The next PRIDE meeting will be November 19 at 7:00 PM at the Community House.
Melvina Jones, secretary



Dean Allen Schmidt

1938-2020

Our beloved Mayor of 33 years passed away October 9th 2020. It is hard to put into words all the things Dean has done for our little town. We lost a great deal of knowledge and wisdom when we lost him. He leaves very large shoes to fill for the new Mayor. Not only did the city take a loss but also the Potwin Lions Club, and Potwin PRIDE. His smiling face is something one will be hard pressed to ever forget. Dean was one of the hardest workers I have ever met, he was also one of the most genuine. Dean will be truly missed by our community!



I'm not sure if you are aware, but Dean Schmidt used to do a write-up in the newsletter. His words, written in January of 2007 seem very fitting.

~Tonya

By Dean Schmidt, Mayor

The year 2007 is upon us with all of the opportunities, challenges and successes, determined by the choices we make. Each day we must choose whether to be happy or sad, productive or not so productive but we live in a country where we do have a choice. What this is leading up to is January 23rd by 12:00 noon someone will need to file for the opportunity to serve in City Government. The position of Mayor and two seats on the council will be on the April ballot "chose to serve".

The position of Mayor carries certain responsibilities, such as signing all documents, payroll, appropriations checks, ordinances and resolutions or any documents approved by the council members.

The power of the Mayor is somewhat limited but includes the following, control of the council agenda, control of all city meetings, veto power, and the tie breaking vote on ordinances & resolutions. The Mayor also has the opportunity to use his or her communication skills to influence the direction of the council and public opinion toward the immediate and long rang goals of the city. Some of the things a Mayor is held accountable for are taxes, regardless of whether caused by ageing infrastructure, un-funded State or federal mandates, or acts of nature. The Mayor is also accountable for city employees and the over-all condition of the city. The Mayor

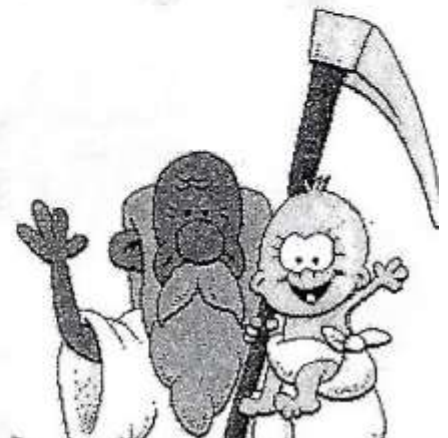
is held responsible for using good communication skills to resolve conflict, bargain for the best deals on contracts and avoiding litigation brought on by bad communication skills or a personal agenda.

As a council member you have the power to change the future of the city with your vote. Your vote determines the mill levy for the city taxes, the fees for our utilities, fines and fees for ordinance violations, city employee's wages and benefits, fire protection, law enforcement, animal control and all other services provided with your tax dollars. The bottom line is, as a council member you must determine, with your vote, the most beneficial use of the finances available to all the people of Potwin. Some of the choices council members must make are not popular with some of the voting public. But each council member must consider the long range viability of our town with the vote they cast and then bare the burden of that vote. To have a functional and effective governing body each member must understand that the majority vote of the council is the decision of the whole governing body.

To have a functional and effective Governing body the Mayor and council must first agree to disagree and allow reason and good communication to determine the final decision of the

vote. The Mayor must share his or her vision or goals for the short and long range future for the City . If there is conflict or disagreement with the vision or goals, compromise would be in the best interest of the whole community.

To all voting members of the Potwin community you also have a responsibility concerning your city governing body. Know your candidates. See if they have a single item agenda or are willing to work for the best small community government possible. Support the candidate of your choice, share your concerns and vision for our city with them and encourage them to exercise their vote at city meetings. In my 24 years in city government I have seen council members enter discussion against an agenda item and then vote yes when the question is called for. This is not good for the city we need council members to vote for what they believe is the best for the city of Potwin.



News from the Manor

Good Words from Chaplain Mike

We have been going through the book of John for weekly devotionals for the residents. In chapter 7, Jesus made an offer in verses 37-39: "On the last day, that great day of the feast (i.e. Feast of Tabernacles), Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

There is a good explanation of how this invitation was related to the feast going on. It is given by Dr. John MacArthur, Pastor, who comments in his study Bible, "At the temple during this feast, while onlookers watched, the priests would march around the altar with water in a golden container while the temple choir sang Psalms 113-118. The water was offered in sacrifice to God at the time of the morning sacrifice. The use of the water symbolized the blessing of adequate rainfall for crops. Jesus used this event as an object lesson and opportunity to make a very public invitation on the last day of the feast for His people to accept Him as the living water."

We can't be neutral about Jesus. We are either for or against Him. An old hymn by Albert Simpson is entitled, "Jesus is Standing in Pilate's Hall." It is also known as "What Will You Do with Jesus?" Google it and find out the very good and convicting words.

November Birthday Cakes

Grace Hill Mennonite – Nov 17th

Help Wanted

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

November Birthdays

Bob Lamb	5 th
Don Harder	7 th
Gilbert Dieker	24 th
Gereda Edwards	29 th



Mary Marquardt decorating a pumpkin.



Wayne Reif sketching at the "State Fair".

We had our annual mock State Fair while the weather was still inviting. Residents and staff enjoyed funnel cake bites, ice cream and lemonade. Residents were also free to play lawn games such as Lawn Darts and Ring Toss. One of our residents, Wayne Reif, is a talented artist. He took time and sketched residents and staff who wished to have a penciled picture.



Sherry Chisham & Chuck Spencer at Weiner Roast

On October 8th Wheat State held a wiener roast. The aroma sure smelled good as it drifted through the halls! It was a suggestion from one of our residents who thought it would be fun. For dessert, all enjoyed making and eating s'mores. It was a beautiful night for the event and all had a good time.



From Wheat State Manor



Lions Club Calendar Sales

It's time to order your Lions Club Community Calendar for 2021.

Calendars are \$4.50 each, plus \$.50 per listing.

These calendars are a great way to keep track of your special occasions. Birthdays, anniversaries and memorial dates are included along with holidays and local organization meeting dates.

If we miss you, please call Sherri @ 752-3422, Sammy Jo @ 316-323-0915, or you can fill out order forms and pay at the city office.

Payment and orders must be received by November 20th.

Thank you for supporting your local Lions Club!



The North Butler 4-H Club started their new 4-H year with meeting at Emmaus Mennonite Church on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Installation of Officers for 2020-2021 was led by committee members Shelby Henley and Makenzie Creekmore. Each new officer received a school supply item that symbolized their new position. Officers for the 2020-2021 year are as follows: Desiree Ingalsbe- President, Harley McLaughlin- Vice President, Lucy Goebel- Secretary, Cora Brackenridge- Treasurer, Ella Amend- Reporter, Shelby Henley- Parliamentarian, Donovan Brewer and Rustin McLaughlin- Song leaders, Hope McLaughlin and Hudson Harder- Recreation leaders, Lucy Goebel and Shelby Henley- 4-H Council

Representatives, Austin Miller and Jeremiah Goebel- Alternate 4-H Council Representatives. Vice President, Harley McLaughlin, called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by "My Name is" from 18 members. Flag Salute was led by Cora Brackenridge and the 4-H pledge was led by Ella Amend. Secretary minutes were read and approved. 4-H Council Rep, Shelby Henley, gave a report and reminded the club about Officer's Training via Zoom on 10/17/20. Debora Claassen, Community Leader, encouraged members to sign up online for this year's membership and vote at the Extension Office Election. She also mentioned the upcoming Achievement Banquet on 11/07/20. The meeting concluded with refreshments served by the Amend Family. The next meeting will be held on November 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Emmaus Mennonite Church.



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Christmas Wishes Program



With joy and excitement, Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater and RMS KAY Club are pleased to announce we will be sponsoring this year's Christmas Wishes Program!

Through the Christmas Wishes Program, we will be collecting new toys and warm clothing for children of deserving families in the Remington USD #206 school district. This is a wonderful opportunity to bless local children of families who might be facing financial hardships.

Families are welcome to request assistance or can be nominated by completing a form located at Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater, Whitewater Memorial Library, Whitewater Area Food Pantry, Whitewater City Office, Potwin City Office, Potwin Public Library, and Remington USD #206 schools.

An anonymous tag will be placed on a Christmas tree at Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater. Each tag will represent a child and will contain information needed to provide something they want, something they need, and/or something to read.

Please take this opportunity to join us, with giving hearts, to share the spirit of Christmas with a local child by selecting a tag!

Important dates:

- Nominations will be accepted through **November 20th**.
 - o Tags will be available for choosing at Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater at 126 S. Main St. on **November 23rd**.
- New, unwrapped gifts with the tag attached should be returned to Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater by **December 11th**.
- Gift pick up will be at Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater on **December 18th**.
 - o If you cannot pick up gifts on December 18th, please contact the bank about other arrangements.

For more information, please call **316-799-2137** or email ajanzen@vintagebankks.com, alewis@vintagebankks.com, oeck@vintagebankks.com



RMS 1st NINE WEEKS – 2020

SUPERINTENDENT'S ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

8TH GRADE:

Elena Bowling
Annie Entz
Isaac Jury
Kole Klaassen
Laila McCormick

7TH GRADE:

Keeson Entz
Hannah Jenkins
Britany Klaassen
Kaitlyn Margreiter
Kassidy Peters
Chelsea Willour

6TH GRADE:

Jude Bowlin
Gabe Bumm
Henry Eicher
Cheyenne Hoch
Elliott Hochstetler
Landrey Jensen
Reuben Jury
Kynzee Klaassen
Denver McCormick
Peyton Ryan
Lawson Wiebe
Seth Wiebe

5TH GRADE:

Isabel Amend
Amerie Clayton
Cameron Eck
Emma Entz
Micha Giles
Marjorie Green
Alyssa Klingenberg
Harley McLaughlin
Joy Rutschman
Rose Wiebe
Taylor Willour
Ethan Zuercher

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

8TH GRADE: Hannah Litton

7TH GRADE:

Tia Ayres
Colt Koehn
Cambree Lawler
Sheyenne Pinkston
Olivia Wisdom

6TH GRADE:

Cora Finney
Jaivyn Geene
Alexander Otto

5TH GRADE:

Jadyn Ayres
Kaycee Ballew
Trystan Connors
Carson Cook
Ashlen Hall
Dixie Hanna
Chayton Lineback
Faith Wiebe

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

8TH GRADE:

Maggie Coats
Aidan Foreman
Calvin Gragg
Brenna Norris
Madilyn Phipps

7TH GRADE:

Kinley Carpenter
Judah Giles
Makayla Klingenberg
Madison Morrow

6TH GRADE:

Brooklyn Barnes
Jordan Connors
Bo Green
Maverick Moore
Jose Rivera
Adam Smith
Trenton Taber
Abi Taylor
Landon Winn

5TH GRADE:

Sofia Frohlich-Phipps
Ryan Kelley
Ryann Parcell
Ryan Potter



*Let Our
lives be full
Of Both
Thanks
& Giving*



A Month Of Gratitude

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