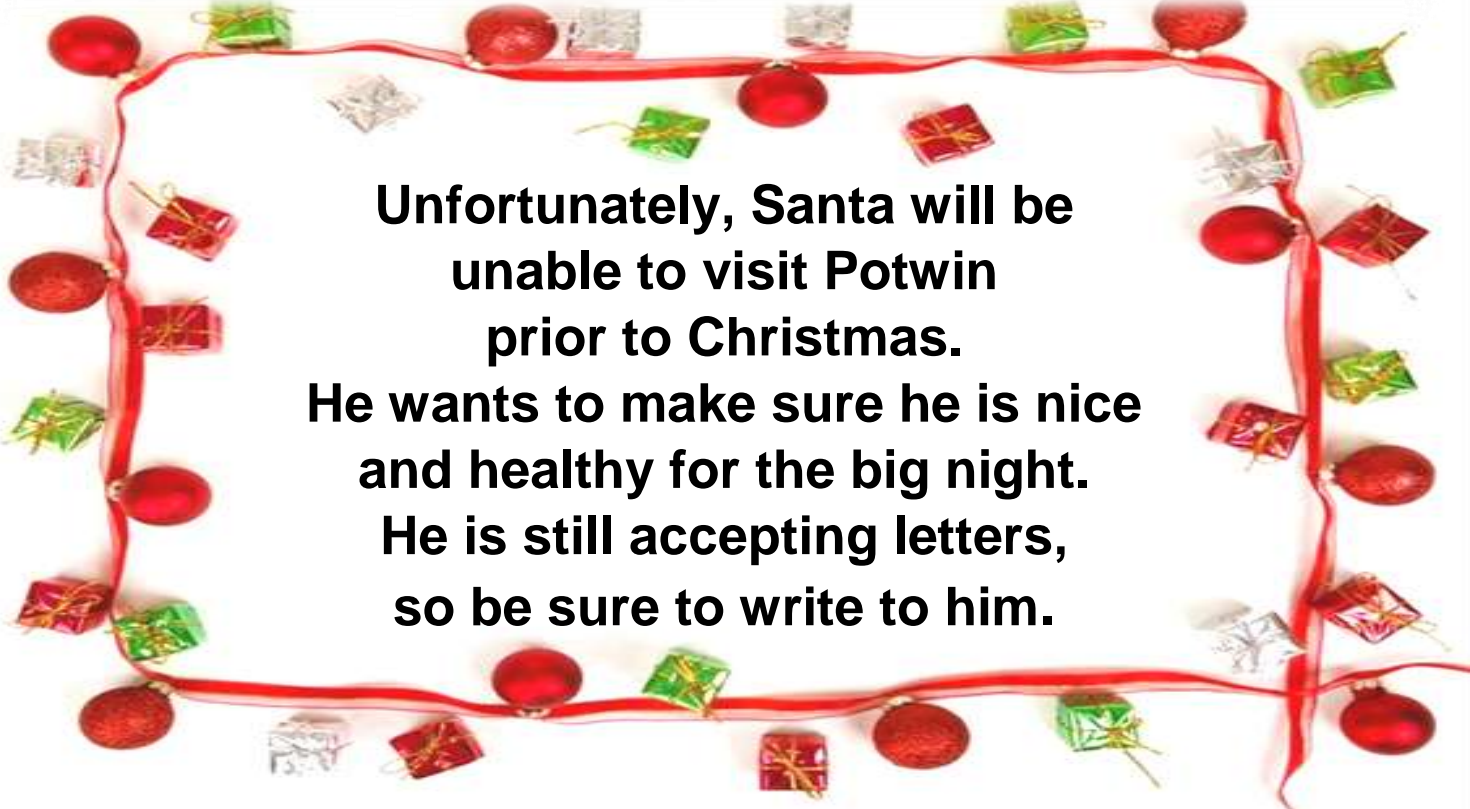




Potwin, Kansas

# This Is Potwin

December 2020



**Unfortunately, Santa will be  
unable to visit Potwin  
prior to Christmas.  
He wants to make sure he is nice  
and healthy for the big night.  
He is still accepting letters,  
so be sure to write to him.**



**The Lions Club  
will be decorating  
the Christmas Tree  
on December  
5<sup>th</sup>.**



**We Serve**



## **Potwin PRIDE NEWS**

The lost is found! When we put the alfalfa hay down to mulch the tomatoes in June at the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry garden, David Denny lost a pair of glasses out of his pocket. We tried to find them at the time, but were unable to find them. It was like finding a needle in the haystack. We kept our eyes out to look for them when we picked tomatoes, but didn't find them. On November 5, four youth and six adults removed the tomatoes and cages. All who helped scratched back the hay and still didn't find them. Later David took a rake and turned over the hay again and found them about where he thought he had lost them. We harvested 4,705 pounds of vegetables at the garden this year. We want to thank everyone who helped with the garden project this year. Forty seven volunteers have spent over 500 hours.

We want to thank Bill Lappan and Sherri and Terry Wedel for helping with the flags for Veteran's Day November 11.

The Potwin PRIDE steering committee met November 19. Officers elected for 2021 are Velene Brown chairperson, Alan Whiteside vice chairperson, and Melvina Jones secretary/treasurer. Tonya Taber reported the library chair-ity auction November 7 was a success. She attended the city council meeting and reported that Sammy Jo Smith had been appointed to the council to replace Adam Johnson who is now mayor. Sheriff officer Mark Waclawski introduced the new officer for Potwin. He is Brandon Ruth. We want to thank Mark for serving Potwin and will miss him as he is now a trainer for the Butler County Sheriff Department. We want to thank Tonya for putting the This Is Potwin newsletter together. She has it sent to Kansas State PRIDE and they usually have an update for the garden in the State PRIDE newsletter each month. The next meeting will be January 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Community House.

Melvina Jones, secretary

### **Potwin PRIDE History** by Melvina Jones, secretary

This will be the last article of PRIDE history celebrating 50 years of the Kansas PRIDE program with Potwin participating since 1984. In the June issue of This Is Potwin, I gave some information about people who had led the program. This time I would like to add some more chairpersons which have included Glen Crawford, Jessie Winters, Lonnie Long, Bud DeBacker, Eden Fusion, and Dean Schmidt since 2011. Dean Schmidt and Melvina Jones have both served on the state PRIDE board.

One of the most successful projects that put Potwin on the map is the Plant a Row for the Hungry community garden started in 2000. The name was changed in 2007 to the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry Garden as Ken helped start the project that youth and adults could participate in together and learn how to grow and harvest vegetables. The city of Potwin lets us use the land at the water tower for it and furnishes water for it.

Originally Ken got irrigation and black plastic for weed control at reduced prices, but we replaced that irrigation with new in 2016 when we got a Blue Chip Award of \$2,500 from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. The Sommers family plowed and fenced the garden and the Harvey Farms furnished straw that we put on the black plastic for mulching. Now we use alfalfa hay to mulch with that is furnished by Jason Artz. We till the hay in to put nutrients in the soil. Ken's son Kelly and family are still involved as they grow about 110 tomato plants for the garden each year.

96,125 pounds of vegetables have been harvested over this 20 year period. The first year we had 4,661 and this year we had 4,705 pounds. The average has been 4,806 pounds. The most we have had was in 2004 with 8,896 of which 2,681 was turnips. The least we have had was in 2011 with 2,838 pounds which was a hot dry summer. In 2006 we had 3,407, but would have had a lot more except about half of the tomato plants burned up when they caught fire July 4 so we had fried green tomatoes. In 2012, we had a 12 pound sweet potato and this year we had an 11 pound one.

We have had volunteers age two to ninety working at the garden. We average about 50 volunteers a year helping with the garden with some different people each year. Melvina Jones is the only original volunteer still working at the garden. We have the most volunteers on workdays to plant potatoes and tomatoes, cage and mulch tomatoes, and dig potatoes and sweet potatoes. Fewer volunteers plant and harvest the corn and cucumbers, plant the sweet potatoes, and pick the tomatoes and hoe the potatoes and corn.

Those who help at the garden get to take produce home. When we started all the produce was taken to Wichita Salvation Army as well as canned food that were donated. We would pick vegetables and weigh and store them at Wilbur's Market until we took them to Wichita once a week. Now we weigh the vegetables and have them available at the Methodist Church garage once a week for the community for a free will donation, give to the Potwin food pantry, and the rest is taken to Wichita. In the past we have also taken vegetables to Whitewater and El Dorado food pantries.

PRIDE used to have a community Businessmen's Appreciation dinner to honor our businesses and gave new businesses a wooden key to the city made by Glen Crawford. Later we included newcomers to the community. After we started having National Night Out, it kind of replaced the original dinners with recognition of law enforcement, businesses, newcomers, and PRIDE projects. For many years, we have coordinated advertising the city wide garage sales with Whitewater to get more people to come to Potwin. We used to have a Christmas lighting contest and we would go to Burns to judge theirs and they would come to Potwin to judge ours.



Well, I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Sorry I missed the deadline for my recipes last month, but I made it for this month! I have this recipe for Poppy Seed bread that I make into small loaves and give away for Christmas gifts that I thought I would share. An old friend gave the recipe to me years ago when I had her daughters in kindergarten, as I was the recipient of the bread as a Christmas gift. I also have a very simple way to cook fresh green beans that everyone loves. Hope you enjoy them both. I included Charlie's sister's coconut pie recipe as a bonus! Have a very Merry Christmas! LaVonne Baker

### Poppy Seed Bread

1 package lemon cake mix  
1 small package lemon instant pudding  
1 cup water  
½ cup vegetable oil  
¼ cup poppy seed  
4 eggs  
½ cup Nuts(optional)

**Mix** with mixer all ingredients (except nuts) on high for 4 minutes. Add nuts. Pour into greased and floured loaf pans—2 small (3 ½ x 6 ½ in) or 6 mini loaf pans. Bake in 350 degree oven for 45-50 minutes for small pans or 25 minutes for mini pans. Let cool in pans for 5 minutes, then cool on rack. Wrap in festive saran wrap or foil when cool, add a ribbon and you have a Christmas present!

### Spicy Garlic Green Beans

1 pound fresh green beans with ends snipped off  
2 teaspoons minced garlic (I use granulated garlic in a jar)  
¼ teaspoon salt  
1 Tablespoon olive oil  
¼ to ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (I always leave this off, as Charlie doesn't like spicy)

**Heat** broiler in oven to high. Lay beans on a cookie sheet and sprinkle with oil. Then sprinkle with the garlic, salt, and red pepper flakes. Place pan under broiler and broil until the beans are just starting to turn color(black) maybe 10 minutes or less, then stir and cook a little more. They should be crisp tender. Serve immediately. I usually have to make two pounds when I serve them to my family, as they disappear very fast!

### Coconut Meringue Pie

**Put 2 cups milk and 1 cup sugar** in a saucepan, bring to almost a boil. Take off stove.

Whisk together ¼ cup cornstarch, 4 egg yolks, and pinch of salt. (Make sure to save egg whites for meringue.) Add a spoonful at a time of the milk mixture to the egg mixture until incorporated, maybe 4 spoonfuls. This is called tempering and keeps the eggs from curdling. Then add the egg mixture back into the milk mixture and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly just until it boils. Take off stove and add 1 t. vanilla, ¼ cup butter and 1 cup coconut. Pour into **prebaked** pie shell. (I use the pie crust recipe on the back of the Crisco can) Make meringue: Beat 4 egg whites, pinch of salt and ½ t. vanilla til frothy. Slowly add 6 Tablespoons sugar and beat until egg whites are stiff. Put on the pie, add coconut on top and bake 10 minutes or until coconut is toasted. Let cool before cutting.

*Wishing you a very*  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**





## News from the Manor

### Good Words from Chaplain Mike

Having just finished a season of Thanksgiving, a signature thing to be thankful for in December is our Savior coming into the world to die for our sins. Philippians 2: 5-8 is a well-known passage about Him leaving His home in heaven and coming down to earth: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery (i.e., a thing to be grasped) to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." What a wonderful thing God did because of His love—sending a Savior to be our substitute for the punishment due to us! A beautifully written hymn, "Down from His Glory," states this humbling of the Savior: "Down from His glory—ever-living story—My God and Savior came, and Jesus was His name; Born in a manger to His own a stranger, A man of sorrows tears and agony!" Another great hymn with this same theme is "Born to Die Upon Calvary." You can [google](#) it on You Tube. Jesus still extends the invitation to come to Him as Savior in John 1:12: "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to

become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."



*Gilbert Dieker playing BINGO.*



*Reese Voth helps Jeff Wilson play virtual BINGO.*

We still play BINGO on Friday afternoons as we continue to social distance. Sometimes family members join us virtually as seen above. Our residents love to play BINGO and like to keep track of how many Blackouts they get.

## December Birthday Cakes

Whitewater Community – Dec 17th

### December Birthdays

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Phoebe Drake   | 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Mary Marquardt | 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Anna Brunner   | 20 <sup>th</sup> |



*Vivian "Kay" Martinez*



*Elvise Brvington*

Our residents enjoyed a day of papering for some much needed haircare. Thanks to a generous donation from the Federated Church, all residents received haircuts and the women received styles as well. Lauren Thiessen is our new hairdresser here at the Manor. She had appointments from 9:00am to 4:00pm on her first day. They were all so grateful. Thank you Lauren and Federated Church!

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the  
Residents & Staff at Wheat State Manor*

## Help Wanted

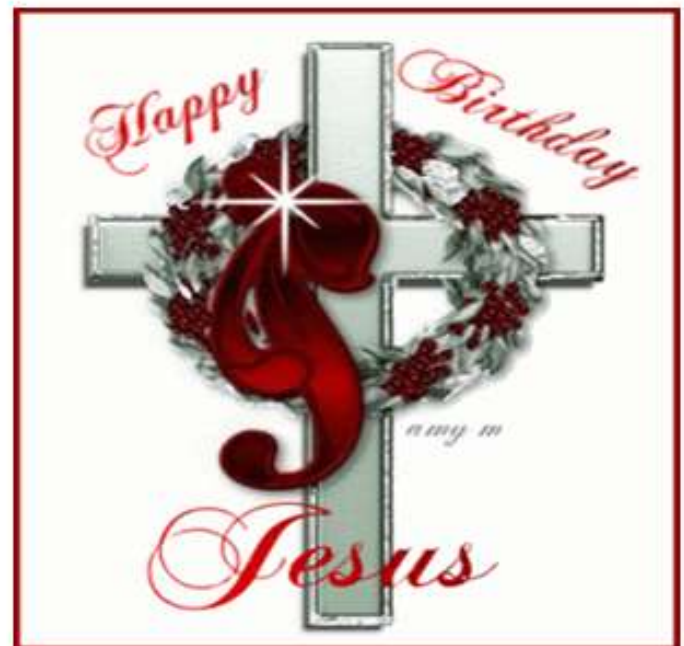
- RN or LPN Charge Nurse – Evenings
- Med Aide – Evenings
- CNA - Evenings
- Dietary Aide – Sunflower Unit--Evenings (Must be 18 or older)
- Housekeeper – Days & Weekends
- Laundry – PT Days & PT Weekends



*Diane Nichols*



*Wanda Grogus*



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

Through the Christmas Wishes Program, they 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 USD206 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 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Tags will be available for choosing at Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater at 126 S. Main St. on **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

New, unwrapped gifts with the tag attached should be returned to Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater by **December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Gift pick up will be at Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater on **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you cannot pick up gifts on December 18<sup>th</sup>, please contact the bank about other arrangements.

For more information, please call **316-799-2137** or email [ajanzen@vintagebankks.com](mailto:ajanzen@vintagebankks.com), [alewis@vintagebankks.com](mailto:alewis@vintagebankks.com), [oeck@vintagebankks.com](mailto:oeck@vintagebankks.com).





The North Butler 4-H Club had their Club Achievement Night at Emmaus Mennonite Church on Monday, November 9, 2020. The night started off with a pizza party to recognize members' achievements over the past 4-H year. Members received door prizes which included 4-H shirts, cups, and candy. There were 19 members present. Community Club Leader, Debora Claassen, led the achievement night and recognized those who had a November birthday. New members that

joined the club for 2020-2021 are: Julia Amend, Anna Klingenberg, Caleb Klingenberg, Maya Klingenberg, and Hadley Miller. In addition to their record book cover, new members received a pencil, balloon, bookmark, and candy. Previous members were then recognized for their yearly pin and turning in their record book and/or activity sheet. Those receiving pins were: Ella Amend-Clover Pin; Carson Brackenridge-Membership Pin; Cora Brackenridge-Clover Pin; Donovan Brewer-Membership Pin; Makenzie Creekmore-Silver Guard Pin; Harley McLaughlin-Emerald Pin; Hope McLaughlin-Membership Pin, and Rustin McLaughlin-Bronze Pin. The 4-H club received a Purple Club Seal for the work that the members did over the last year. The last recognition of the night was for project leaders: Kiley Miller-2 years, Cory Motter-6 years, Lori Goebel-6 years, Peggy Henley-8 years, Judy Ingalsbe-10 years, Kristine Goossen-13 years, and Debora Claassen-34 years. The next meeting will be held on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Emmaus Mennonite Church.



Club Leader, Debora Claassen, recognizes members on Achievement Night

Club Reporter, Ella Amend



Congratulations to Audrey Van Zelfden for being selected to the Kansas All-District band!

Audrey is a senior flutist in the Remington Bronco Band. She competed against musicians all across South Central Kansas to win the spot.

After being selected to the district band, Audrey now qualifies to audition for the Kansas All-State bands.

We are so proud of her for achieving this great honor!





**LOOK  
FOR THE  
LABEL:**



## **EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL**

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The Box Tops program has been around for over 20 years, and it really works. In 2019 the Box Tops program evolved to become digital so that you can earn for your school with just the touch of a button.

Here's How it Works:

All you need is your phone.

- 1) Download the Box Tops app, and pick your school (Remington Elementary or Remington Middle School)
- 2) Shop as you normally would,
- 3) Then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase.

The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online.

Great News! If you shop for groceries online, you can now submit your email receipts from select retailers to earn Box Tops for your school.

How it works:

- 1) Make sure you have a Box Tops for Education account (you can create one via the Box Tops app or website) BTFE.COM
- 2) Forward your email receipt to: [receipts@boxtops4education.com](mailto:receipts@boxtops4education.com) using the same email that's associated with your Box Tops for Education account.
- 3) Box Tops will be credited within 1 business day and you can view your earnings in the MY EARNINGS section or the app or your activity section of the website.

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# Potwin Christian Church Happenings

Greetings and Merry Christmas from Potwin Christian Church! We are hoping to have Christmas Eve Candlelight services at 6:00 PM. (subject to change because of Covid). We are taking reservations so we can socially distance and assign seats, and masks are required. You can email your reservations at [pcchurch@wheatstate.com](mailto:pcchurch@wheatstate.com), that way we will have your email in case of cancellation. We are also collecting kids shoes and socks to give to the grade school for our Christmas ministry this year. We still have services open at 10:30 AM Sundays and Sunday School at 9:15 AM. We are live streaming our services also, at [PotwinChristianchurch.org](http://PotwinChristianchurch.org). Please join us live or online. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

## First United Methodist Church News

It is the season of celebrating Christ's birth. The First United Methodist Church of Potwin at 123 N. Anita St. invites you to join us for worship at 11:00 AM and a Happy Birthday Jesus party at 12:00 on December 20. We will be having Christmas Eve candlelight service on December 24 at 6:00 PM. If you don't want to join us in person, view the worship service on our Facebook page.

## Potwin Public Library News

Here it is, the last month of 2020. I am sure that I am not alone when I say, thank goodness. ☺ We are open, but we do have a few rules and limited hours for browsing the collection. However, as I write this, some libraries are already closing and returning to solely curbside pick up. I continue to offer curbside pick up as well as delivery, within reason. While I would love to travel to a mountain cabin or a beach side village, now is not the time, and it is a bit far to deliver books. I will continue to do whatever I can to make sure that your library needs are met. If you need a book or movie, have a question or a suggestion, please let me know.

Are you aware that the Potwin Public Library has a website, as well as a Facebook page? We do! I also post the This Is Potwin newsletters on the website and share it on our Facebook page. Would you like to have them sent directly to you via email? I can do that as well.

There are lots of books and movies to be checked out. Not sure if we have something...call me, text me, message me on Facebook, email me, drop a note in the drop box, or... well it is a small town so if you see me, flag me down.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

~Tonya

P.S. Just in case you've lost it, here's my contact information.

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Website: [www.potwinpubliclibrary.com](http://www.potwinpubliclibrary.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PotwinPublicLibrary>

Address: 126 N Randall Potwin KS 67123

Phone: 620-752-3421 (Leave a message if I don't answer)