



# This Is Potwin

Potwin, Kansas

January 2021

Happy New Year everyone! I'm sure we are happy to bid goodbye to 2020. Hopefully 2021 will be better with the vaccine for COVID now being administered. Stay safe this new year and continue to take precautions to show respect for others and help slow the spread. I'm looking forward to trying out some new recipes this year and I hope they will make it into the newsletter. For January, I will put in some older recipes and hope you enjoy them. If you bake a ham, these potatoes are great as a side dish.

## Potato Casserole

1 (32 oz.) package of frozen hash browns, thawed  
½ cup melted butter or oleo  
1 pint (2 cups) sour cream  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste  
3 cups crushed corn flakes  
½ cup melted butter or oleo

Mix potatoes, ½ butter, sour cream, soup, shredded cheese, and seasoning. Place in greased 9x13 inch pan or casserole. Mix ½ cup melted butter and corn flakes and spread over the top of potatoes. Bake at 350 degree oven for 1 hour. Serves 12 to 15.

Of course, I can't go without a dessert recipe, and these are Charlie's favorite cookies. It's a good thing I don't make them too often, since he is still trying to lose weight. (Which is a challenge with as much baking as I do!)

## Snickerdoodles

1 ½ cups sugar	2 teaspoons cream of tartar
½ cup butter, softened	1 teaspoon baking soda
½ cup shortening	¼ teaspoon salt
2 eggs	1 teaspoon vanilla
2 ¾ flour	

3 tablespoons sugar and 3 teaspoons cinnamon - Mixed together

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix sugar, butter, shortening and eggs in large bowl. Mix flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt together in bowl, then combine with the sugar mixture in larger bowl. Shape dough by rounded teaspoonfuls into balls. Roll balls in sugar/cinnamon mixture, place two inches apart and bake on ungreased cookie sheet for 8-10 minutes. Immediately remove from cookie sheet and cool on wire rack. Makes about 6 dozen cookies.

LaVonne Baker





## News from the Manor

January can be a difficult month for many with wintertime and being inside more. Loneliness can become an issue, and this can be compounded by the pandemic. The Savior's words to the Christian in Matthew 28:20 are comforting: "...lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Also, the words of the writer to the Hebrews in chapter 13, verse 5, are both exhorting and comforting: "Let your conduct be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.' " There is a great hymn, "Never Alone," written in the late 1800's. The first verse and chorus say:

"I've seen the light'ning flashing, and heard the thunder roll.

I've felt sin's breakers dashing, trying to conquer my soul.

I've heard the voice of my Savior, telling me still to fight on.

He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone."

"No, never alone! No, never alone!

He promised never to leave me--never to leave me alone."

Believers can take heart with His presence in their lives!



*Resident Christmas Tree*

### January Birthdays

Wayne Reif	6 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Jones	8 <sup>th</sup>
Vivian Martinez	9 <sup>th</sup>
Jerome Stucky	13 <sup>th</sup>
Rosalee Myers	16 <sup>th</sup>
David DeMoss	25 <sup>th</sup>
Stephen <u>Wallander</u>	31 <sup>st</sup>

## Happy New Year!





## Help Wanted

- *RN or LPN Charge Nurse – Evenings*
- *Med Aide – Evenings*
- *CNA - Evenings*
- *Housekeeper – FT Days & Weekends*

Like most places in this COVID-19 year, Christmas at the Manor has been very different. With quarantines and social distancing in place, Activities has had to be creative in planning a somewhat “normal” party for our residents. Christmas videos sent in by our local churches were viewed on our big screen TV in the Dining Room. Santa made his yearly visit to all of our good boys and girls leaving gifts for all. Each resident chose a hand-made ornament, made by Potwin Elementary students, and hung it on our Resident Christmas Tree outside. (Thank you Potwin Elementary students and staff for remembering us this year!) Residents were bundled up in heated blankets and taken out to see our Christmas Wonderland in the fenced-in area. They really enjoyed seeing the light display! Some of our residents also busied themselves addressing personal Christmas cards, making decorations and special napkin rings for use on Christmas Day.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Words cannot express our gratitude to those of you who donated gifts or sent cards and letters to our residents this year! It has been heartwarming to know that packages and cards have been coming in for each and every person here. This year has been hard for everyone, but especially those here at the Manor who haven't been able to spend physical time with family and loved ones for such a long time. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity to see that no one has been forgotten as we endure the challenges of keeping everyone safe during this time!



*Ruth Ledbetter decorating the Resident Christmas Tree.*



*Bob Schroeder enjoying the outdoor light display.*





## Potwin PRIDE News

As we finish 2020, we would like to thank some people for helping in our community. We would like to thank Terry Wedel and Jimmy Howell for putting up the Christmas trees on the light poles when Bill couldn't. We want to thank the Lions Club for putting up the Christmas tree at the 4-way stop.

We want to thank Terry Wedel for using his tractor with tiller to till the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry garden on December 8 so it will be ready to plant next year. Melvina got Dean's tiller with plow to use to plant the potatoes, the planter to plant the turnips, and the tenth measuring tape to mark where the tomato plants need to be for the irrigation to be in the correct place. We are looking forward to planting potatoes around March 17.

On December 14, the city council approved the resolution for support of the PRIDE program to prepare for the yearly enrollment. The next PRIDE meeting will be January 21 at 7:00 PM at the Community House.

Potwin PRIDE wishes you a Happy New Year.

Melvina Jones, secretary



**Thank you to everyone who  
made the Christmas Wishes  
Program a success!**

**We helped 22 local kids in need have a wonderful Christmas!**



Potwin Ponderings  
by Velene Brown

I just love Potwin at Christmas time! The big tree in the main intersection all month long is not just a Potwin tradition but a Whitewater tradition as well and its one item that makes living in a small little town fun! I love our cute little light pole decorations as well and I know that they were both preowned and redone at some point in the past but I love 'em. They add a quaintness to our town!

Another item that means a lot to me is a natural Random Act of Kindness attitude that just tends to be part of who we are. A friend of mine saw a stalled vehicle on 254 recently and thought it might belong to another friend of mine whose phone number she didn't have, so she asked me to call that friend and make sure she wasn't stranded (and she wasn't} but the friend who had originally called waited by the side of the road till I had an opportunity to check.

Isn't that an awesome thing to do?

# Start the New Year helping to Improve your Community!

Consider joining the Potwin Pride Committee. It's only a meeting a month commitment on your part and you can make a huge difference.



Call Velene Brown at  
316-648-9127 for more  
information or join us at  
the Potwin Community  
House basement January  
21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

## Time To Ring In 2021

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