



Potwin, Kansas

This Is Potwin

March 2021

Potwin PRIDE news



It sure has been cold, but we have gotten some needed moisture for the garden. Now that the sun is shining and it is getting warmer, we are starting to think about planting the community garden. We will plan to plant potatoes about March 17 depending on the weather. We will be having a time to cut the potatoes to prepare them for planting when we know the garden will be ready to plant. We would like to thank the 49 people who volunteered time to help with the garden project last year. There were 25 youth and 24 adults. We are fulfilling the mission of the garden to have a project that youth and adults could work at together to learn how to raise vegetables and provide food for others. If there is anyone who hasn't helped in the past who would like to help this year, you can contact **Melvina at 620-752-3577** and be put on the calling list.

The Potwin PRIDE committee met February 18 to make plans for the year. Kansas PRIDE has some training modules that members Velene Brown, Tonya Taber, and Melvina will be viewing to prepare for the opportunities to apply for grants. We will be looking for grants to help the Lions Club with the playground project at King Park. We are still trying to figure out how to replace the sign at the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry community garden. Besides the garden project we plan to continue sponsoring the city wide garage sales in June, getting flags put up for holidays, and the National Night Out. We will be purchasing six flower barrels to place two at the corner of the 4-way stop, two at the community house, and replace the two at King Park. We are still trying to figure out what we can do to make the station corner look better. We are also going to look at the gazebo at the community house park to see what needs to be done to fix it.

PRIDE is a community improvement program so we are looking for ways to make our community look better and be a better place to live. The next meeting will be March 18 at 7:00 PM at the Community House.

Melvina Jones, secretary



The North Butler 4-H Club met on February 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by President, Desiree Ingalsbe. Cora Brackenridge led the Flag Salute and Ella Amend led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by 16 members by saying "My Favorite Drink is..." The Treasure's Report and Secretary's Report were read. The program started with a song led by Donovan Brewer, singing "Kumbaya" with the club. Maya Klingenberg did a Show & Tell about "How to take care of a bunny". She hopes to get her bunny in the spring for the fair. Rustin McLaughlin did a Project Talk about her goat experiences at the fair. A Project Talk was also presented by Paige Goebel about crafts she has been doing this winter. Paige showed her "Sticker by Number" pictures she has made. Donovan Brewer did a Demonstration on "How to make chocolate energy balls." Cora Brackenridge played a piano solo that she played at 4-H Club Days. Ella Amend then played a Flute solo that she played at 4-H Club Days. Julia Amend read a poem called "Little Pig's Treat" by Shel Silverstein that she read at 4-H Club Days. The night ended with Anna Klingenberg playing "Hot Cross Buns" on the recorder. The next scheduled meeting is March 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at Emmaus Church, Whitewater, KS.

-Club Reporter, Ella Amend

March will be a windy one maybe? Lots of kites and leprechauns and spring break. Hopefully you will have a good month and the green will be showing up soon. Old Mr. Groundhog sure has had his say with February! At least all the little critters will be froze out this year! Yea! Since a lot have been home cooking, here is a varied version of Lasagna that replaces some of the cheese with provolone and sour cream. It's called:

Pasta in a Pot

16 oz. shell macaroni	2 pounds hamburger
2 onions	1 teaspoon garlic powder
16 oz. sour cream	12 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese
12 oz. tomato sauce	20 oz. can stewed tomatoes
12 oz. shredded provolone cheese	



In large skillet, brown beef with onion and garlic powder. Drain grease off hamburger and return to skillet. Add tomato sauce and tomatoes. Simmer as long as you like. Layer ingredients twice in large, buttered casserole dish in this order: 1.) sauce, 2.) macaroni, 3.) sour cream, 4.) provolone, 5.) mozzarella and then repeat layers. Bake at 325 or 350 degree oven for one hour. This can be refrigerated or frozen, then thawed and baked, but it will take a little longer.

For dessert I went back into my recipes that I have been collecting since I was ten and found one off the back of the brown sugar box. (Remember when powdered sugar and brown sugar came in boxes?). I had forgotten this recipe, but it is a big hit with Charlie and I know Eva would really like it. What's not to like?-peanut butter and chocolate!!!!

Peanut Butter Fingers

1 cup packed brown sugar	1/3 cup peanut butter
1 cup flour	1 egg
½ teaspoon baking soda	½ teaspoon vanilla
¼ teaspoon salt	1 cup quick oats, uncooked
½ cup softened butter	1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

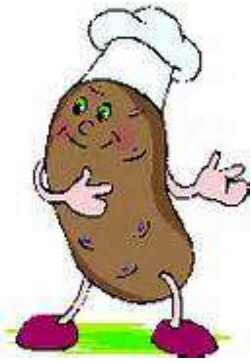
In large mixer bowl, combine brown sugar, flour, soda and salt. Mix in butter and peanut butter. Stir in egg, vanilla and oats. Press mixture into a 9x13 pan. Bake in 350 degree oven 25 to 30 minutes. Do not overbake. Remove from oven and immediately sprinkle the chocolate chips over the top and let them melt. While the chips are melting, mix up ½ cup powdered sugar, ¼ cup peanut butter and 4 tablespoons milk. Spread the softened chocolate chips and then drizzle topping over the chocolate and spread over the chocolate. Cool. Cut into small bars.

And this part is so funny! They say this recipe make 48, but I don't know how they cut a 9x13 pan of fingers into 48 pieces! I wanted a bigger piece of the yummy stuff, so I cut it into 20 pieces, but you can cut it any way you want, even two pieces, if that floats your boat!

Have fun and happy March! LaVonne Baker



First United Methodist Church of Potwin



March 14, 2021
12:00 to 1:00 PM



Youth will be serving baked potatoes with a choice of toppings of chili, broccoli and cheese, cheese, bacon bits or sour cream as well as relishes, desserts, and drink in the church basement.

It is a **free will donation** for youth mission activities.
Everyone is invited to eat with the youth.



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JUST MARRIED!





Mayor Adam Johnson and his wife, **Shaleana** are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, **Mikayla**, to **Johnnie Taylor**, son of **Mr. Robert Taylor** of Overbrook, KS, on February 20th at Fulton Valley Farms.

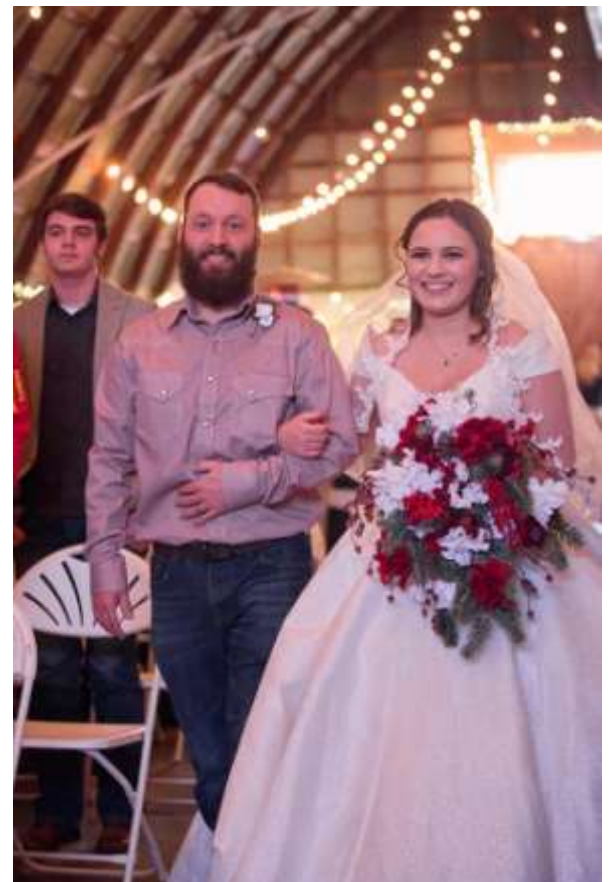
The wedding was officiated by Remington Middle Schools Principal, **Tim Robertson**, at the request of the bride.

The artic blast left snow on the ground that was perfect for the winter wedding Mikayla had always dreamt of.

The couple celebrated with close family and friends with dinner and dancing for the remainder of the night.

We couldn't have asked for a better day.

We want to thank everyone for the kind of loving thoughts sent our way.



News from the Manor

From our Administrator



Groundhog cookies

With the months of November and December now behind us, we feel that we are leaving the COVID-19 emergency behind as well. Those were rough months with active cases in the building among both staff and residents. Currently, we have no one suffering ill effects from the virus. As we move forward, we remain cautious with rigorous cleaning and social distancing when possible. As Butler County continues to move in the right direction, we hope that active cases in the building will remain at zero. Please continue to pray for this positive outcome as well as for our staff and residents who continue to persevere during this challenging time.

Groundhog's Day Activity

Our residents made groundhog cookies to celebrate the day. They used Nutter Butter cookies using peanut butter to "glue" the faces on. The teeth were slivered almonds and they sat in a chocolate donut.

March Birthdays

Jeffery Wilson	1 st
Wanda Gragus	12 th

March Birthday Cakes

Federated Church



Bob Schroeder admires his groundhog cookie



Help Wanted

Housekeeper – PT Days & Weekends

Admitting New Residents

We are now accepting new residents. We did not admit during the COVID-19 outbreak in November and December. We were following CMS guidance. Please call 316-799-2181 and speak to Admissions for placement of a loved one.

Good Words from Chaplain Mike

As we think about Spring starting this month, we are grateful for this season. God is a wonderful Creator. Psalm 104 can be considered the "Farmer's Psalm," as it speaks of His provision for our life here on earth. You are encouraged to read it for building up your spirits. Verses 10 and 14 (NKJV) speak of just two of His earthly blessings:

"He sends the springs into the valleys;

They flow among the hills."

"He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,

and vegetation for the service of man,

That he may bring forth food from the earth..."

His greatest blessing is a spiritual one given to us when His Son died on the cross as payment for our sins. We can be reconciled to God and have eternal life if we come to Him for forgiveness of our sins. "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV)



Sherry Chisholm shows off her Valentine project

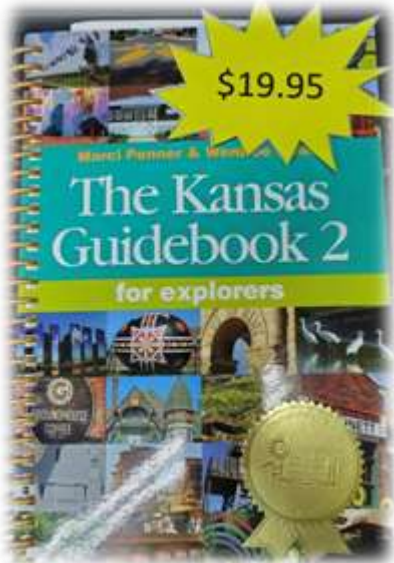
Happy St. Patrick's Day



From Wheat State Manor!



Congratulations to Ella Amend, 5th grade Remington Band member, who received a Purple Award Ribbon (the highest honor) for her flute solo at the 4-H Club Days! We are very proud of her hard work and achievements!



Nusser Fuels in Potwin is selling The Kansas Guidebook 2 right now for \$19.95 in support of the Kansas Sampler Foundation which focuses on teaching Kansans about Kansas.

It's a 452 page book full of all sorts of tid bits and interesting things to see around the state.