



This Is Potwin

Potwin, Kansas

January 2023

Potwin PRIDE News



Potwin PRIDE would like to thank the Lions Club for putting up the tree at the 4-way stop corner again this year. About 65 people braved the cold to visit Santa at the tree December 17. 30 kids, 27 adults, and 4 dogs had their pictures taken by Sammy Jo Carlisle with Santa. Several other adults joined the group including PRIDE members who served hot chocolate, hot cider, and cookies, and played Christmas music. Some kids made decorations at the library to add to the tree decorations. We would like to thank all who participated.

We would also like to thank Jimmy Howell and Mike Murphy for their help putting up the trees on the light poles again this year to help decorate Potwin for Christmas.

We would like to thank the city council for approving the resolution supporting PRIDE at the December meeting so we can complete the enrollment for next year. The next PRIDE meeting will be January 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Community House.

Have a Happy New Year.

Melvina Jones, secretary

Are you looking for a great way to help your community as well as fulfilling your New Year's Resolution requirements?

I have a GREAT idea for you! Join one of our community groups.

Potwin Lions Club hosts the Potwin Bike Run that is held on the second Sunday April-October to raise funds for updating the playground equipment at King Park. They also put on the Easter Egg Hunt and Santa at the 4-Way. Contact Sammy Jo Carlisle or Sherri Wedel.

Potwin PRIDE meets once a month January-November. Some of their projects are the Ken Whittington Memorial Garden, Potwin Beautification, Community Clean-Up, City-Wide Garage Sales, National Night Out, and also helping with the Watermelon Festival and Lion's Club projects. Help with the projects you are interested in. Contact Melvina Jones or Tonya Taber.

Potwin Recreation Board is mainly about the ball field and their largest event is the Softball Tournament at the Potwin Watermelon Festival. Contact Sammy Jo Carlisle or Adam Johnson.

Potwin Watermelon Festival has several meetings throughout the year. Increasing to almost weekly in the month preceding the festival. Contact Kathy Cherryholmes, Paige Bennett, Ethan Harvey, or Adam Johnson.

If you would like more information you can contact Tonya at the Potwin Public Library (620-752-3421) or Kathy and Sherri at the Potwin City Office (620-752-3422) and we will be happy to answer any questions and help you find the group you are looking for.

Getting involved is the way to create positive change.

Have a Happy New Year!



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North Butler 4-H Club November 2022 Achievement Celebration and Meeting

Cora Brackenridge, Reporter

Pizza, recognition, and fun summarizes the November 4-H meeting! The North Butler 4-H club met on November 14, 2022, for the achievement and recognition night. The night started with a pizza meal then followed with door prizes and the recognition of activity papers and 2021/2022 4-H record books and membership pins that were awarded at the Butler County 4-H Achievement Event which was held November 5 at Butler County Community College. Ella Amend received a Superior on her summary activity paper (AP), a Silver pin, and completed/recognized for the Intermediate Award Beef Record Book. Julia Amend received a Superior on her (AP), a Bronze pin, and completed a Junior Beef Record Book. Carson Brackenridge received a Superior on his (AP), a Clover pin, and completed a Junior Record Book in Swine. Cora Brackenridge received a Superior on her (AP), a Silver pin, and completed an Intermediate Beef Record Book. Donovan Brewer received a Superior on his (AP), a Clover pin, and completed Record Books in Beef and Stem. Gracia Brewer received Above Average on her (AP), her membership pen, and completed Junior Record Books in Clothing, Foods, and Rabbits. Makenzie Creekmore received Above Average on her (AP), her Leadership pin, and completed a Record Book in Civic Engagement, which she received the Senior Champion award. Hudson Harder, Maya Klingenberg, Harley, Hope, and Rustin McLaughlin received a Satisfactory on their (AP). Anna Klingenberg received a Good Start on her (AP), and completed Junior Record Books in Beef, Photography, and Visual Arts. Caleb Klingenberg received Above Average on his (AP). Wyatt Klingenberg, Hadley Miller, and Garrett Regier received a Good Start on their (AP).



L to R. Debora Claassen, North Butler Club Community Leader, Donovan Brewer, Carson Brackenridge, Cora Brackenridge, Julia Amend, and Ella Amend 4-H members at the Butler County 4-H Achievement Event on November 5, 2022



Ella Amend and Debora Claassen

The North Butler 4-H leaders were recognized. Mindy Amend and Noah McLaughlin-1 year, Anna McLaughlin-2 years, Ashley Anderson and Kiley Miller -4 years, Lori Goebel-8 years, Kristine Goossen-15 years, and Debora Claassen-36 years of service to 4-H volunteerism was announced.

Then, the business meeting occurred with the discussion of our next meeting date, because of the 5/6th musical on December 12, the meeting is moved to December 19 at

Emmaus Church at 7pm. Next, it was announced that the club will participate with a float in the El Dorado parade on December 3. Then, on December 4, whoever is interested can participate in the Christmas play at Whitewater. And to celebrate birthdays, a Happy Birthday to Hope McLaughlin and Makenzie Creekmore!



November 2022 meeting recognition

Hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!

North Butler 4-H Club December Meeting Report

By Cora Brackenridge, club reporter

Excitement was in the air as each 4-Her and sibling brought a Christmas Gift and dropped it off to participate in the gift exchange! And each participant had to write down a silly activity on a piece of paper....not knowing that those silly activities had to be drawn and acted out to receive a gift. To support the community, food and dry goods were also brought to share with the local pantry.



4-H Children participating in a gift exchange

Caleb Klingenberg called the North Butler 4-H meeting to order on December 19, 2022. Rustin McLaughlin and Hudson Harder led the 4-H Pledge and Flag Salute. Roll call was "My Favorite pie is?" and 18 members responded. The council members informed the club, 4-H Day sign up is coming soon. Julia Amend (standing in for Ella) provided the treasurer's report and the balance stayed the same. Harley McLaughlin read aloud the thank you letter correspondence the club received from the state 4-H accessibility fund. The accessibility fund committee appreciated the generous gift.



Anna Klingenberg piano solo 'Silent Night'

The meeting was adjourned and Rustin McLaughlin led the club in singing *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*. Piano solo, by Anna Klingenberg, *Silent Night* was enjoyed. Next, Caleb Klingenberg presented a project talk on his geology box. He displayed what tools are used to find fossils and what were his most unique pieces in his collection. The box was taken to the fair. Lastly, Hudson Harder demonstrated how to make an easy bird feeder with peanut butter, paper towel roll, and birdseed, while inviting Rustin to help demonstrate.



Caleb Klingenberg project talk on geology box

Finally, the time everyone was waiting, the gift exchange! The children gathered around and sat by a gift. Anna McLaughlin had the bowl full of funny things to do that the club members wrote, and she went around the circle. You had to guess who brought the gift in front of you, if you were wrong you had to pick a paper and do what the paper said. For example, many had to sing Christmas songs, or



Homemade snowman sugar cookies for refreshments

dance.

Refreshments were served with homemade snowman decorated sugar cookies by the Harder family.

Remington USD 206 Job Opening

Part-time cook position available at Remington Elementary School
200 E Ellis, Potwin, KS 67123
The hours are 10:00am – 1:30 pm (17 ½ hours a week)
Monday - Friday, with holidays and summers off.
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Please contact Tammy Sweatland, Principal, at 620-752-3239 for more information.

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Whitewater, KS 67154
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I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We had a lot of family get togethers and good food. It was nice to see everyone and catch up on their lives. We wanted something different for supper one night, and I had some cooked, diced chicken that needed to be used so made Wild Rice Chicken Supreme. We really enjoy this dish and hope you will too.

Wild Rice Chicken Supreme

1 box Uncle Ben's Long Grain and Wild Rice, original recipe.	¼ cup butter
1/3 cup chopped onion	1/3 cup flour
1 teaspoon each salt & pepper	1 cup half-and-half
1 cup chicken or vegetable broth	2 cups cubed, cooked chicken
1/3 cup pimento, chopped	1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley
¼ cup chopped slivered almonds	½ cup panko breadcrumbs

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Cook rice and contents of seasoning packet according to package directions. While rice is cooking, melt butter in a large saucepan. Add onion and cook over low heat until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Gradually stir in half-and-half and broth. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Stir in chicken, pimento, parsley, almonds and cooked rice. Pour into a greased 2-quart casserole dish. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes. Top with breadcrumbs, and cook for about 5 minutes more, until crumbs crisp up. Serves 6 @ 340 calories per serving.

Of course, I must have dessert and here is a good one. I finally found the recipe that reminds me of my Grandma Balzer's sugar cookies she always made at Christmas. Grandma has been gone since 1975, so I have about 30 or 40 different sugar cookie recipes I've collected over the years looking for the one that best replicates grandma's and I finally found it in a 1983 Presbyterian church cookbook. She always sprinkled nonpareils on top after using an egg wash. Here are my favorite sugar cookies that always remind me of my grandma.

Grandma Balzer's Sugar Cookies

2 ¾ cup flour	½ teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon baking powder
Whisk dry ingredients together and set aside.	
2 tablespoons shortening	1 egg, beaten
¼ cup butter	½ cup sour cream
1 ¼ cup granulated sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla

In a mixing bowl, measure shortening and butter. Cream thoroughly. Add sugar, mix, then add sour cream. Stir until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla and mix well. Add dry ingredients, one third at a time, mix after each addition. Refrigerate dough several hours or overnight. Roll dough, not too thin (about ¼ inch) cut out with cookie cutters and brush with egg wash (1 beaten egg mixed with one teaspoon water). Sprinkle on rainbow sprinkles or crystalized sugar and bake 6-8 minutes in 375 degree oven on lightly greased cookie sheet, or use parchment paper. Let cool a couple of minutes on pan, then remove to rack to finish cooling. (These are Charlie's favorites, by the way). Have a good January and stay warm! LaVonne Baker

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