

Whitewater



*Community
Newsletter*

**MARCH
2025**











COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
16	17 Fire Board Mtg. 7p @ Dist. Office  St. Patrick's Day	18 Municipal Court 10a @ City Hall	19 WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	20 <i>hello Spring</i> Spring Begins	21	22  CITY WIDE Clean Up
23	24 CITY COUNCIL Meeting, 7pm	25 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	26	27	28	29
30	31					

APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Library Board Meeting 7p @ Library 	2 WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	3	4	5  @ 6p
6	7 Friends of the Library 4:30p @ Library	8 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	9	10	11	12 HAPPY Passover 
13 Palm Sunday <small>HOSSANA TO THE KING</small> 	14 USD 206 Dist. Brd Mtg. 7p @ District Office	15 TAX DAY 	16 WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY 	19  @ 6p
20 Happy Easter 	21 Fire Board Mtg. 7p @ Dist. Office	22 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	23	24	25	26
27	28 CITY COUNCIL Meeting, 7pm	29	30			

Newsletter & Calendar information, updates and cover photo submissions please send to Anne Morrow at cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov.





City Council Meeting Highlights from 2/24/25

- The council is looking to hire a local as the new Animal Control Officer and has researched some training opportunities for him. More to come next month.
- The city will partner with Graber Backhoe for installing at least two new fire hydrants that include shut off valves. City maintenance will be learning the process of the install to assist in future replacements of their own.
- The city has decided to build a new website with a company who specializes in websites of cities. Municipal Impact will build the website and assist the city clerk in anyway necessary. A new look and layout will be coming soon.
- Officer Moore reports three (3) traffic stops and many warnings about the lack of children being buckled up even when the vehicles are going slower because of the snow.
- City Maintenance and the City Clerk are working on developing procedures for inactive water meters to confirm they are present, accounted for and turned off and locked.
- Pet Registration has begun for 2025 and letters are going out to owners who animals need updated documents concerning pet vaccinations. Chicken Permits are also required every year.
- City Wide Cleanup is March 22. Area Wide Garage Sales will be June 13 & 14.
- There was heated discussion about city snow removal along the streets and city employees spending money on equipment.
- March 3-7 was proclaimed the 2025 Severe Weather Preparedness Week by Mayor Gragg.
- Street Repairs were discussed and City Maintenance is gathering quotes for future repairs.

On the Agenda for March
Lift Station Improvements

All are welcome at City Council meetings.

Public Comment time is available at the beginning of each meeting;

Please keep a 5 minute limit per person in addressing the council.

To discuss a specific topic, please contact the City Clerk to be placed on the agenda.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 24 @ 7:00PM

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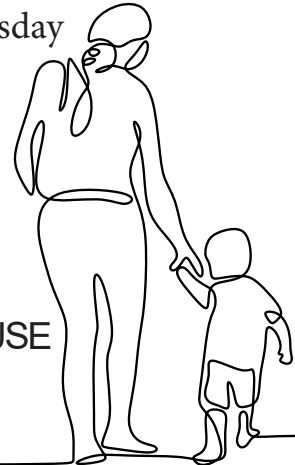
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(Excluding Holidays)

The WAFP is for anyone living in the Remington USD 206 area.

Order forms can be found on the Whitewater Memorial Library website, their lobby & the Whitewater Pizza Parlor.

FREDERIC REMINGTON AREA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
**POTWIN AND WHITEWATER'S,
FIVE-AND-A-HALF BANK ROBBERIES**

BY RICK MCNARY & DARRYL CLAASSEN
APRIL 7, 2025 @ 7 P.M.
CENTRE POINT CHURCH, WHITEWATER

Rick McNary's grandfather, Bert McNary was the first bank employee held at gunpoint in 1936. Later, Cynthia Lemke was held at gunpoint in two bank robberies. Then, smart thinking bank employees thwarted a fourth attempt when the want-to-be bank robber raised suspicion outside the bank.

The Peoples State Bank existed in Whitewater from 1908 to 1928. This bank also had ties to Potwin through a second bank in their town. The most sophisticated burglar alarm system available at the time was installed in the Peoples State Bank. It, perhaps, was not quite up to the hype because the alarm was unable to thwart attempts at illegal withdrawals. Darryl will tell the stories as the newspaper editors understood the events at that time.

*All programs are free and open to the public; all are welcome.
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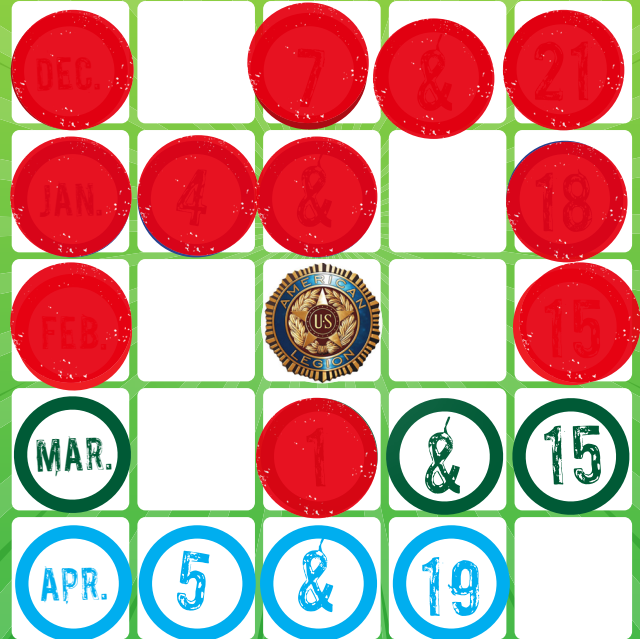


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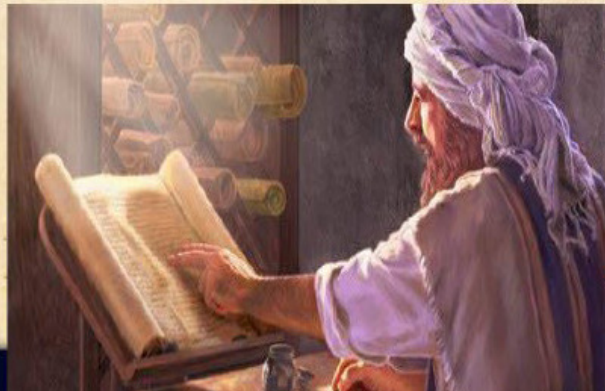


Food at 6pm & Bingo starts at 7pm.
All ages welcome.

1. *What did the Apostles teach?*
2. *Jeremiah 31:31-34 speaks of a New Covenant – What is it?*
3. *Joel 2 speaks of God pouring out His Spirit – How do we know if we have It?*
4. *Jesus speaks of being Born Again in John 3 – What does this mean?*
5. *The Apostles knew they were in the Last Time/Days – How did they prepare & become saved?*



Join Us for Bible Study & Discussion



WHAT:	Discover & Discuss Biblical Truths
WHEN:	Thursday Evenings @ 7:00 PM Or a time mutually convenient
WHERE:	1. 221 N Elm St, Whitewater, KS 67154 2. Home Bible Studies Available 3. Correspondence Bible Studies Available via mail or email
CONTACT:	Joshua Eicher, M: (913) 617-1684 Joshua_Eicher3141@protonmail.com



AN 8-WEEK HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHALLENGE!

WALK KANSAS

March 30 - May 24, 2025

Gather your team of six or go solo this year.
Register online at WalkKansas.org or by contacting
your local K-State Research and Extension office.

Registration open March 3!

K-STATE
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Walk Kansas

Butler County
Bonnie Brewer, Family & Consumer Science
Extension Agent
206 North Griffith, Suite A
El Dorado, KS 67042
316-321-9660



SPRING REMINDERS

- 01: **ANNUAL CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATIONS OR RENEWALS - PER CITY CODES**
2025 PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE - MUST APPLY ANNUALLY
- 02: **ANNUAL PET REGISTRATIONS FOR TAGS - PER CITY CODES**
2025 FEBRUARY - MAY ANNUAL TAGS REQUIRED
- 03: **CITY MAINTENANCE IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER HELP**
APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL, 30 2025
- 04: **WE HAVE 2 COUNCIL SEATS AND A MAYOR POSITION OPEN FOR ELECTION**
DEADLINE TO FILE JUNE, 2 2025

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WALK KANSAS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Tie your sneakers and get ready to celebrate! Walk Kansas is back, and celebrating its 25th anniversary! Each year about this time, I get very excited for this program as it rallies thousands of Kansans and their friends to have fun and improve their mental and physical health.

Walk Kansas is a team-based challenge that encourages people to walk, jog, run, bike, swim or move their body however they prefer, to live more healthfully. The program will kick off on March 30th and will run eight weeks through May 24th. Registration is available online at www.walkkansas.org beginning March 4th, and cost per person is \$10.

Sharolyn Jackson, K-State Research and Extension's state leader for the Walk Kansas program, shares that the program was founded on the principle that if teams of six people would meet the minimum guidelines for physical activity over eight weeks, they could collectively and virtually walk across the state of Kansas, which is 423 miles. The minimum guidelines are those recommended by the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention that individuals should aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each week – or about 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

Walk Kansas is an adaptable program where you can participate as a team or solo. You can choose between different challenges, and set personal goals for fruit, vegetable, and water consumption. Participants are also encouraged to add in some type of strength exercise. Throughout the program, tips, tricks, and instructions are shared each week with participants in a newsletter.

Holistically, Walk Kansas is a chronic disease prevention program, and a way to delay the onset of chronic disease. The reality is that two-thirds of chronic diseases can be prevented or delayed by the lifestyle changes demonstrated in the Walk Kansas program.

So, gather your team, tie on your sneakers, and register to start your journey to better health this March. Call our office at (316) 321-9660 for any questions you may have about community engaged program.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER



The City of Whitewater public water supply system violated a drinking water standard. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants and residual disinfectant levels on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether our drinking water meets health standards. During AUGUST 2024, we did not complete some required monitoring for coliform bacteria nor residual disinfectant level and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What Happened: We are routinely required to test for coliform bacteria no fewer than two times a month. Additional samples are required following a coliform-positive or rejected sample. We are required to monitor the residual disinfectant level at the same time and same point as total coliforms. A monitoring violation occurred because of failure to meet these requirements during AUGUST 2024.

What you should do and who is at risk: This is not an emergency. There is nothing you need to do at this time. There is no direct health risk to consumers.

What we are doing: Since it is our desire to provide the safest water possible to our customers, we have taken the action of paying closer attention to our monthly sampling program and daily record keeping and are looking into alternative resources for testing or shipping if necessary in order to prevent future violations. We will call our laboratory early in the month if we haven't received bottles needed for sampling. **We anticipate resolving the problem within 1 month.**

For more information please contact Andrew Hanna at 316-799-2445 or by mail: 201 S Elm, PO Box 149, Whitewater, KS 67154

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (examples: people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distribute copies by hand or mail.



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CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

March 22nd

Start time is 7am

Items must be brought to the street for curbside pickup. Waste Connections requests all items to be collected be at the curb PRIOR TO 7:00AM, March 22nd.

WASTE CONNECTIONS WILL MAKE ONE PASS THROUGH THE CITY.

Waste Connections asks that all items being collected need to be able to be handled by one person safely and be on the APPROVED ITEMS LIST.



Approved Items

General trash, small amounts of bundled brush or limbs, Furniture including: chairs, couches, tables.

Appliances including: washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, small electrical appliances such as TV's, computers, mixers, blenders.

Patio grills, patio furniture, push lawn mowers (free of gas & oil) and lawn trimmers. Tree limbs and branches must be cut in 3ft. lengths and bundled for easy pickup. Any trash not in the trash cart must be in throwaway containers such as boxes or bags, no more than 30-gallon capacity.

Not Approved Items



No loose trash or debris or no box or bag may exceed 40 pounds in weight. No rock, dirt or concrete. Car batteries, oil filters, fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, any asbestos materials, explosives, paint (we will take empty & dried up paint cans), no hazardous liquids (such as fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, diesel fuel, gas, oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, etc...) tires.

REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS AND AIR CONDITIONS must be tagged by a technician and must have the appropriate paper work with it in order for Waste Connections to pick it up.



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2025 Storm Fury on the Plains

Additional Training Options:

March 13th, 7:00 p.m. - Rose Hill Fire Station, 911 N. Rose Hill Rd, Rose Hill

March 17th, 7:00 p.m. - Wilbur Wiens Community Bldg, 315 Main, Towanda

April 1st, 7:00 p.m. - Whitewater River Consolidated FD, 206 S. Main, Whitewater

April 10th, 7:00 p.m. - Andover City Hall, 1609 E. Central Ave., Andover

Even though it sometimes feels like Winter will never end, Spring will be here before we know it (whether you believe the groundhog or not). That means that we also need to change our thinking from frozen thoughts to severe weather preparations. Knowing that it only takes one bad weather day to significantly change a life, it makes sense to be as prepared as possible before the sky turns dark.

One important step is to learn everything you can about how storms form and how to identify those “red flags” that tell you it’s time to take action. The annual “Storm Fury on the Plains” presentations are a fun and interesting way to get that information — and if you’ve attended this before, it can be a great refresher to get you in the storm safety mindset.

This program is open to the public and offered free of charge. No pre-registration is required. If you are interested in learning more about severe weather in Kansas, make plans now to join us!

If you have any questions, contact Butler County Emergency Management
at (316) 733-9796.



*This program is the result of a cooperative effort
between Butler County Emergency Management and
the National Weather Service Office in Wichita.*



Spring Break

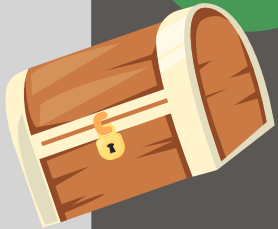


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Saturday, April 5, 2025

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Reservations: Contact
Callie Hill
(316) 217-2981 or
callie-hill@att.net



Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District



The Whitewater River CFD responded to sixteen calls for service in January. They included a tractor fire, a motor vehicle accident, two medical calls at Wheat State Manor, nine general medical calls, and three automatic aid medical calls. We also received automatic aid to four medical calls in our district. In February, we responded to ten calls for service. They included five medical calls, a medical call at Wheat State Manor, a vehicle accident, two automatic aid medical calls and a grass fire.

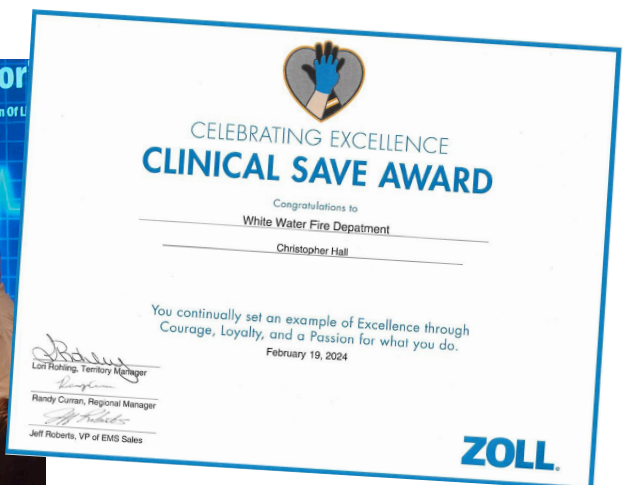


Hazmat Awareness Training

Potwin Fire Department and Whitewater River CFD co-hosted Hazmat Awareness training in Potwin on February 26th and March 5th in Potwin. On February 16th there were 23 volunteers in attendance from Benton Fire District #7, Burden Fire District #3, Burns Fire District #10, Potwin Fire Department and Whitewater Fire District. The training was presented by Deputy Chief Tony Yaghjian with the El Dorado Fire Department. There were about 23 volunteers from these departments.

In February of 2024, Firefighter Chris Hall, responded to an Automatic Aid medical call in Potwin for a person that was in cardiac arrest. Firefighter Hall was the second responder to arrive on scene and assisted with performing CPR on the victim until Butler County EMS and the Butler County Rescue Squad arrived a short time later. The patient regained a pulse during the resuscitation efforts, was transported to an area hospital and was later released from the hospital.

On February 27th, Firefighter Chris Hall and Chief Bob Bartlett attended the Seventh Annual Butler County EMS Lifesave Banquet in Augusta. The purpose of this banquet is to recognize and honor Butler County Cardiac Arrest Survivors, assisting Bystanders and the First Responders who answered the call. The Banquet gives the Responders the opportunity to meet the Cardiac Arrest Survivors to whom they helped.



Firefighter Chris Hall, received a Clinical Save Award along with several other responders for their role in providing care to a person that was in cardiac arrest. There was a total of seven (7) Cardiac Arrest Survivors this year in Butler County.



Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District Junior Firefighter Program Coming Soon

The Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District is finalizing plans to start a Junior Firefighter Program.

We are expecting to start the program in April or May. We are limiting the program to a maximum of 3 Junior Firefighters (male or female) at this time.

Requirements for being accepted into the program:

- Must have parent's permission
- Must be 16 or 17 years old
- Junior Firefighters will be limited to their activities on scenes.
- Must live within the fire district (Harvey County 1st Street to SE 125th Street, Woodlawn Road to Osage Road and Butler County NW 60th Street to NW 180th Street, County Line Road to Santa Fe Lake Road) We can evaluate others on a case-by-case basis.
- Maintain a "C" average grade or above while in school
- Fire Drills are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings each month at 7pm.

For more information, please contact the Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District for further information. Come by the Fire District Office, 206 S Main Street, Whitewater or contact Bob Bartlett @ (316) 799-2121



The Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District will be sponsoring "2025 Storm Fury on the Plains" presentation on April 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire District Office, 206 S Main Street in Whitewater. There is some great information delivered about what to look for when the storm is forming and how to identify the "red flags" as the storm rolls into your area. This presentation is delivered by Butler County Emergency Management. The presentation is free of charge, so come spend the evening with us. (See flier)

The Whitewater Fire District is also still looking for Volunteer Firefighters. If you (male or female) are interested in volunteering a few hours a month, feel free to stop by the District Office, come to a fire drill or call (316) 799-2121 to see what it's all about. Our fire drills are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, either at the District Office or the Whitewater Fire Station.

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