

CITY OF WHITEWATER

**BUTLER COUNTY
WHITEWATER, KANSAS 67154**

NEWSLETTER
December 20, 1988

Holiday Hours

The City Building will be closed Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd. The Council and staff wishes you and your families Happy Holidays!

Thank you, Andy

Once again, the City of Whitewater wants to thank Andy Anderson, K.G.&E. Agent, for his help in decorating the City for the Holidays. Andy volunteers for the job, and we appreciate his time and help. Thanks, Andy!

Law Enforcement

Bob Bartlett, Deputy Sheriff, has been named replacement for Stan Graber. Mr. Graber has resigned as Deputy Sheriff to continue his backhoe business full time. Deputy Bartlett, along with his wife Kim, have moved to Whitewater from Florence. Bartlett was Deputy Sheriff for Marion County for 3½ years.

Open House Scheduled

The City Building staff will be holding an open house on Friday, December 30th, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. There will be staff changes beginning in January. Debbie Claassen will become City Clerk, and Marilyn Slaymaker has accepted the position of Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer. Stop by the City Building and meet the new Clerk and Deputy Sheriff, and share some punch and "goodies".

Grade School Crosswalks

Parents are encouraged to instruct their children of the proper use of the school crosswalks. The safety of our children is a concern, and we urge the youngsters to use the crosswalks!

Calendar for City Elections

The position of Mayor and two Council Member positions will be filled in the City Election April 4, 1989.

Calendar for City Elections - 1989

- Tuesday, Jan. 24 - NOON - deadline for City Candidates
to file or withdraw nomination
- Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Last day to register for City Primary
- Tuesday, Feb. 28 - City Primary Election
- Wed., March 14 - Last day of voter registration for
City General Election
- Tuesday, April 4 - City General Election

Filing fee for City Candidates is \$5.00. Forms may be obtained at the City Building.

Register of Vote

Registration forms are available at the City Clerk's office -- please stop in and register to vote.

City Dump Key

Any resident requesting the use of the dump can pick up the key at the City Building during office hours. If you need the key over the weekend, let us know. You can pick up the key on Friday and return the key on Monday.

Cub Scout News

The Whitewater Cub Scouts would like to thank the community for supporting the "Scouting for Food" project which provided food for the less fortunate. Cub Scouts is for boys in grades 1-5, and we're always looking for new "cubbies". Meetings vary from once or twice a month, and most den meetings are after school. If you are interested in the Cub Scout program, contact Steve Phipps, Cubmaster, Pack 225. A formal "flag burning" ceremony is scheduled for the future. If you have an old flag to dispose of, please contact Steve.

Whitewater Memorial Library

The Whitewater Memorial Library would like to welcome all newcomers to Whitewater and invite you to visit your local library. Library hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:30 to Noon; and Saturday 10:00 to Noon and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The Library has lots of items to offer besides books -- magazines, records, cassettes, videos, films, patterns and pattern books, and a fast book or subject request service. Also, tax forms and information.

A popular event at the library each month is the story hour with 26 youngsters attending last session. The story hour is held each third Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. It features fingerplays, filmstrips, storytelling, crafts, coloring and refreshments. Children need to be 3 to 5 years old to attend.

Centennial News

A meeting for all Centennial Committee Members is set for January 17, 1989, in the basement of the Federated Church. Regular committee meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday evening at the Whitewater City Building. Everyone is welcome to attend!

A tentative schedule may be posted by February 1, 1989. Some of the plans include Pioneer Sunday scheduled for April 15, 1990. The first day of the celebration is scheduled for Memorial Day, May 28, 1990, and will continue through Saturday, June 2, 1990. Whitewater and Remington School reunions are being planned for June 2, 1990. There will be souvenirs, belt buckles, shirts, history books, a Centennial Queen, and much, much more. Just a reminder, there are sweatshirts available for \$10.00 -- contact Nancy Phipps.

The Centennial Steering Committee consists of Nancy Phipps, Vera Tilson, Rollan Eberhard, Ken Roth, and Jaymie Resnik. If you have any questions, or would like to help with the preparations, contact a committee member.

Whitewater Fire Department

The Whitewater Fire Department wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The Fire Department would like to clarify some confusion about emergency telephone numbers when using a telephone on the Whitewater "799" exchange. "911" IS NOT the telephone number to obtain emergency assistance from the Whitewater Fire Department, the Newton Ambulance, the Butler County Ambulance, or either the Butler or Harvey County Sheriff's departments.

Persons having an emergency who are going to call from the Whitewater "799" exchange should dial one of the following emergency numbers: 283-6150 for the Whitewater Fire Department; 283-4190 for the Newton Ambulance; 1-321-1130 for the Butler County Ambulance; 263-1894 for the Butler County Sheriff's office; and 283-4190 for the Harvey County Sheriff's office.

all dispatching of the Whitewater Fire Department is done thru dispatchers from the Harvey County Communications Center located in the Harvey County Courthouse in Newton. All Whitewater Fire Department personnel have personal pagers that alert them at all times by tone and voice instructions. Under certain conditions on Newton Ambulance calls in the Whitewater area, the Newton Ambulance and the Whitewater Fire Department are dispatched simultaneously. The Whitewater Emergency Medical Technicians will serve as "First Responders" for the ambulance.

Whitewater's Fire Department covers the City of Whitewater, Fairmount and Milton Townships in Butler County, and in Harvey County it covers all of Richland and the south half of Pleasant Townships. They also provide mutual assistance to the Benton, Newton, and Potwin fire departments. As of December 1st, the Whitewater fire Department has responded to 103 incidents of various natures. An incident could be a fire, a first responder to a medical call, vehicular accident, hazardous materials, etc. The 1988 average has been 9.36 incidents per month.

There is a need for more manpower, especially during the daytime of the normal working week. Any person, male or female, wishing to join the "Smokies" should contact the City Clerk's office, Fire Chief Russ Mower, Deputy Chief Chuck Eberhard, or any other member of the Whitewater Fire Department. Previous experience is not necessary, just the willingness to train and respond.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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September 20, 1988

NEWLY PASSED ORDINANCE. . .

The Whitewater City Council passed Ordinance #444 at their July 25, 1988, Council meeting that will provide for all property owners to be liable for all municipal utility bills. The Council regrets that it has been forced to take this action, but the City has experienced a loss of revenue due to renters moving out and leaving large unpaid utility bills.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS LOCATED AT GRADE SCHOOL. . .

We would like to call attention to the "No Parking" signs around the grade school. The signs are located from Oak to Locust on Central, and Topeka to Central on Locust. The purpose is to provide a safe location for parents bringing or picking up their children.

FALL FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 1st. . .

The following is a schedule of events for the Fall Festival

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. BOOSTER CLUB BREAKFAST (GRADE SCHOOL)
8:00 a.m. WHITEWATER FALL FESTIVAL LION RUN
9:00 a.m. FEDERATED CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE, BAKE SALE
10:00 a.m. KIDS GAMES FOLLOWED BY ROCKET LAUNCH (BALL PARK)
PINE WOOD DERBY (FIRE STATION)
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. LUNCH SERVED BY LIONS CLUB (FIRE STATION)
1:00 p.m. LIONS CLUB ICE CREAM SALE
3:00 p.m. PARADE
4:30 p.m. SWISS CHURCH CHICKEN AND NOODLE DINNER (SWISS CHURCH)
5:00 p.m. ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL (BALL PARK)
7:30 p.m. BINGO (AMERICAN LIGION BLDG.)
9:00 p.m. CJ's DANCE (FIRE STATION)

BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY. . .

The Whitewater Memorial Library Story Hour will be available to all 3 to 5 year olds starting in September and running through the school year. It's always the third Thursday at 10:00 a.m. unless announced otherwise. Some of the activities include coloring, filmstrips, finger plays, and having books read aloud. Refreshments are served at the end of the hour.

A new item at the Library is video-cassettes. The cassettes can be requested from Wichita for a small mailing fee. The Library has a listing available. Other items at the Library include magazines, newspapers, records and cassettes, children's book-cassette sets, projector check-out, pattern books and patterns, and lots of good books.

Library hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:30 until Noon; and Saturday 10:00 a.m. until Noon and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Visit your library soon!

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION. . .

The Whitewater Park Board would like to thank all the coaches, parents and team members for their support in making this year's baseball and softball seasons a success. We also would like to thank the following people for the time and effort they donated while preparing the diamonds and new playground for the summer.

Travis McAdams
Byron McCormick
Todd Wedel
Steve Williams
Darryl Hill
Mike Hill
Bob Green

Nathaniel Green
Stan Bergen
Steve Kitterman
Jay Ravenscraft
Jerry Potter
Mary Potter
Roger Hartwick

CENTENNIAL NEWS. . .

The Centennial Steering Committee, Nancy Phipps, Chairperson, has been working for over a year now. As yet, no one will chair a Parade Committee, and it is urgent that the committee get started now! In order to make the Centennial an event to remember, it is necessary that our committee receive volunteers. If you would like to volunteer your services, please contact Nancy Phipps, Vera Tilson, Rollan Eberhard, Jaymie Resnik, or Kenny Roth.

Other Committees presently working on the Centennial include **Pioneer Sunday**, Terry Tilson, chairperson; **Kids Games/Events**, Mollie Grill; **Adult Games/Events**, Mike & Cynthia Lemke; **Centennial Queen**, Mary Ann Manning; **Quilts**, Mary Ellen Gray; **Antique Farm Equipment**, Ronnie Hill; **History Book**, Debbie and Trent Sprecker. All of the committee chairpersons would appreciate help in making YOUR Centennial a success!

**** THE CENTENNIAL LOGO HAS BEEN SELECTED, AND WILL BE UNVEILED AT THE FALL FESTIVAL****

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C.J.'S CLEAN-UP DAY

The annual spring clean-up day sponsored by the Whitewater C.J.'s will be Saturday, April 16, 1988. Items need to be placed at the curb by 9:00 a.m. Separate burnables from non-burnables. All non-burnables will be picked up before 1:00 p.m. Donations are appreciated. For more information call City Building 799-2445 or Darryl Hill 799-2647.

ANIMAL CLINIC

The annual animal clinic will be held Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the fire station. Rabies and other vaccinations will be available from Dr. Pat Regier. City dog license's will also be sold. For more information contact the City Clerk's office.

UTILITIES

WATER - El Dorado's water rates have increased effective April 1st. You should anticipate a change in your water billing in May.

SEWER - You may also see an increase or decrease in your sewer rate. City Code 15-342 (g) and 15-341 (b) requires the City to review the user charge system at least every two years, and revise user charge rates based on the customer's average monthly water usage during the months of January, February and March.

REFUSE - Senior citizens may be eligible for reduced refuse charge. Please contact the City Building if you are interested in qualifying.

UTILITY BILLS are due the 30th of each month, but do not become delinquent until the 11th of the next month. Delinquent notices are to be sent within 5 days of the delinquent and due within 10 days of the notice or water service will be disconnected. Delinquencies must be paid in full and a deposit twice your average monthly water bill will be added to reinstate service.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The 1990 Steering Committee has been appointed by the City Council. Nancy Phipps, Vera Tilson, Rollan Eberhard, Jayme Resnik and Kenny Roth have been working since last summer. If you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee, please let us know. There are also some "Whitewater, Kansas" sweatshirts still available. If you are working on a logo or a poster for the Centennial, please contact Nancy Phipps, the new deadline is June 1. Whitewater will be 98 years old on April 15th of this year, join a committee and help us plan the 1990 Centennial's "Best Celebration" Whitewater will ever have.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Board would like to express their appreciation and thanks to everyone involved in the Biddy Ball Program. Besides getting geared up for baseball season, the Board anticipates putting in a drinking fountain at the ball diamonds and playground equipment for the kids.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Whitewater Library would like to welcome Sandee Entz as our newest member of the Board of Directors. We are also looking forward to receiving our latest order of books. New books available are - Fiction: "Before the Darkness Falls"- Eugenia Price; "The Silk Vendetta"- Victoria Holt, Non-fiction: "Hammer" - Armand Hammer, Biography, Reference: "The Right College 1988" and for the children we have some new Berenstain Bear and Curious George selections.

For parents of children 3-6, don't forget Story Hour held the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. This is a great educational and social opportunity for the children of our community.

Board President
Kimberly Hague

FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES

Fishing and hunting licenses can be purchased at the City Clerk's office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

TORNADO SIREN

Tornado season is fast approaching. The warning signal for Whitewater is a three minute continuous blast of the fire siren.

In the near future, the siren will be controlled by the Harvey County emergency preparedness dispatchers. When this becomes effective, the siren will be tested each Monday for the three minutes. Although Harvey County will blow the siren, our area will have its own storm watchers.

CITY DUMP

The Kansas State Department of Health and Environment regulates and inspects the use of City tree and brush burn sites. The only items allowed at the dump are trees, brush, and clean lumber. No asphalt shingles, tarpaper, tires, trash, garbage, etc. are allowed. Non-compliance with these regulations will result in the closing of the dump.

DISABLED VEHICLES

Section 93 of Article 13 of the Standard Traffic Ordinance states: "No person, firm or corporation shall park or store any dead, damaged, or disabled automobile or vehicle or farm machinery, trailer, or semitrailer of any kind, or parts of the same, or any junk automobiles, or vehicles or farm machinery or trailers or semitrailers, in the roadway of any highway or between the property line or sidewalk and the curb line of any street.

ZONING REGULATIONS

Thinking of building any principal or accessory structures such as fences, garages or replacing that old flagpole?!! Check first with the City to see if you need a zoning permit and or building permit.

NEWLY PASSED ORDINANCES

Smoke Detector No. 440

Section 4. Enforcement and Violation. In no case shall code enforcement inspections be conducted in owner occupied one- or two-family dwellings to

ascertain compliance with this section. However, should a fire occur in any owner-occupied dwelling, and that dwelling is not equipped with at least one approved smoke detector, the owner of said property shall be in violation of this section, and shall be issued a violation warning for "Failure to Comply" and allowed twenty one (21) days for compliance. Failure to comply within the twenty-one (21) days grace period will be cause for a citation to be issued. A re-check will be made within seven (7) days after the first citation is issued. If, after the re-check, a required detector has not been installed, a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed. Upon proof of installation of the required detector, the \$50.00 fine will be refunded. The complete ordinance Sections 1 through 7 can be reviewed at the City Building during regular business hours.

STATEMENT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

The City Council would like to urge every resident of Whitewater to use a scrutinizing eye in assessing the condition of their premises. The Centennial will be approaching before we realize it, let's show off a clean and friendly community.

Pete Klassen, Mayor
Robert Whitaker, Council Member
Larry Wiebe, Council Member

Scott Bowlin, Council Member
Virginia McCoy, Council Member
Jack Lockwood, Council Member