

Whitewater



Community Newsletter



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AUGUST 2026

AUGUST 1776:

August 10: News of the American colonies declaring independence officially reached London, escalating political shockwaves during the Revolutionary War.



"When August days are hot an' dry,
When burning copper is the sky,
I'd rather fish than feast or fly
In airy realms serene and high..."
— Paul Laurence Dunbar
(1872-1906) from poem, In August

WHITEWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
16	17	18	19  WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept. 1st Day of School Berean Academy	20	21	22  OPENING DAY WICHITA INDEPENDENT BASEBALL LEAGUE BASEBALL FESTIVAL Saturday, AUGUST 22, 2026 JERRY HILL MEMORIAL BALLFIELD WHITEWATER, KANSAS
23	24  CITY COUNCIL RNR & BUDGET HEARING, 6pm Meeting, 7pm WRCFD Budget Hearing Mtg. 8p @ Dist. Office	25  Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	26	27	28	29 
30	31	 Tacos El Poderoso, every other Wednesday @ Bell Automotive 11:30am - 7:30pm; call ahead to order 316-587-5559  Bumblebee BBQ, every other Saturday @ Bell Automotive, 4:00pm - 8:00pm				

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1  Cemetery Brd. @ 7p Library Board Meeting 7p @ Library	2  WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	3	4	5  FARM & CRAFT MARKET 9am-NOON
6	7  Friends of the Library 4:30p @ Library	8  Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion P&Z Meeting 6p @ City Bldg.	9	10	11	12 
13	14  USD 206 Dist. Brd Mtg. 7p @ District Office	15  Municipal Court 11AM @ City Hall	16  WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	17	18	19
20	21  WRCFD Board Mtg. 8p @ Dist. Office	22  Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	23	24	25	26 
27	28  CITY COUNCIL Meeting, 7pm	29	30			



July City Council Highlights

The Whitewater City Council met on July 27, 2026. Mayor Eldredge presided.

Key Actions Approved:

- Accepted the 2025 Annual Audit presented by the Loyd Group.
- Approved the agricultural lease for City-owned farmland.
- Approved switching the City's insurance provider to CWG.
- Approved five new ADA sidewalk ramps in the downtown area.
- Approved a setback waiver for a residential chicken permit.

Financial Snapshot:

- July Financial Report approved.
- General Fund balance: \$249,077.
- Operating reserves remain at approximately 9 months.
- General Fund revenues totaled \$373,157 with expenditures of \$305,067 through June 30.

City Projects:

- City Shop roof remains the top roofing priority. More bids requested.
- KOOP Painting begins exterior projects in early August.
- \$500,000 grant application submitted.
- USDA lift station funding discussions continue.

Community Updates:

- Whitewater will host three amateur baseball opening games on August 22.
- Council reviewed feedback from the 2027 Budget Public Forum.
- Ten additional American flags purchased through a generous donation.
- Chicken ordinance review scheduled for the August meeting.

Public Safety:

- Sheriff's Office reported:
 - 2 domestic arrests
 - 1 drug arrest
 - 1 warrant arrest
- Increased speed enforcement planned.

Full minutes will be posted upon approval: whitewaterks.gov

RNR & BUDGET HEARINGS
will be held AUGUST 24 at 6:00pm
at City Hall with the Council Meeting to follow.

*All are welcome at City Council meetings.
Public Comment time is available at the beginning of each meeting;
Please keep it to 5 minutes per person when addressing the council.*

*To discuss a specific topic, please contact the City Clerk to be placed on the agenda.
Agenda deadline is noon the Wednesday before the next meeting.*



OPENING DAY

BASEBALL FESTIVAL

America's Pastime. Our Community.

— SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026 —

JERRY HILL MEMORIAL BALLFIELD ★ WHITEWATER, KANSAS

THREE GAMES. ONE GREAT DAY OF BASEBALL!

★ **\$2 ADMISSIONS** ★

GAME SCHEDULE

GAME 1	10:00 AM	VS.		VISITOR	Goodfellas & Braves	HOME	
GAME 2	2:00 PM	VS.		VISITOR	Flyers & Aeros	HOME	
GAME 3	6:00 PM	VS.		VISITOR	Avengers & Rapids	HOME	

Flyover • Concessions • Fireworks

CITY OF WHITEWATER

LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY SURVEY

Dear Whitewater Resident,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) require all public water systems to complete a Lead Service Line Inventory.

GOOD NEWS: The City of Whitewater has **never** had lead issues in our water supply. Our testing shows safe water. **You do NOT need to buy bottled water or take any special actions.**

We need your help providing information about the **private side** (customer-owned) water lines from the meter to your house. Please fill out this form to the best of your knowledge and return it to City Hall.

Questions? Call Public Works at **316-799-2445**. Andrew & Brandon would be happy to assist!

Service Address:	_____
	Whitewater, KS 67154
Customer Name:	_____
Signature:	_____
If Renter - Landlord Name:	_____

Water Service Line (from meter to house)

Construction Material: ☐ Lead ☐ Copper ☐ Galvanized Steel ☐ PVC ☐ PEX ☐ HDPE ☐ Asbestos Cement ☐ Other Non-lead

Water service line size: _____ inches

Water service line installation date (year): _____

Building Type:

☐ Single Family Residence ☐ Multi-Family Residence (Apartment) ☐ Building ☐ Other

Water Softener, filter or other treatment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Home Internal Plumbing Material

☐ Lead ☐ Copper ☐ Copper Pipe w/ Lead Solder ☐ PVC ☐ HDPE ☐ PEX ☐ Galvanized Steel ☐ Other Non-lead

Secondary Internal Plumbing Material (if different)

☐ Lead ☐ Copper ☐ Copper Pipe w/ Lead Solder ☐ Other Non-lead ☐ PVC ☐ HDPE ☐ PEX ☐ Galvanized Steel

When was the majority of internal plumbing installed?

☐ Before 1989 ☐ Between 1989 & 2014 ☐ After 2014

Thank you for helping keep Whitewater's water system compliant!

Return completed form to City Hall.



Countryaid Vet Service PA

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HOURS

Monday - Friday

8AM - NOON; 1 - 5PM

Saturday

9AM - NOON; 1 - 3PM

Sunday

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countryaidvetservice.com

we are also on Facebook

316-799-2740

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Get Outside

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700 Medical Center Dr, Ste 150

Newton Kansas 67114

316-283-7100



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WHAT: Activated is a hands-on training designed to move people from hesitation to action in living out their faith.

WHEN: August 23-25, 2026 || 6-8PM each night.

WHERE: 201 Main, Whitewater, KS

WHO: Open to anyone wanting to grow in living out their faith.

WHY: Learn to initiate conversations, recognize where God is working, and confidently share your story. Includes 8 practical sessions with teaching, guided practice, and application.

COST: \$10 workbook (on-site) || Bring a Bible and a notebook.

Questions?

Regarding Event: Kenneth Stringer, 316-323-9146

Regarding Training & Registration: Holly Ogden, 479-274-8855

Find Out More at

www.2w1m.org

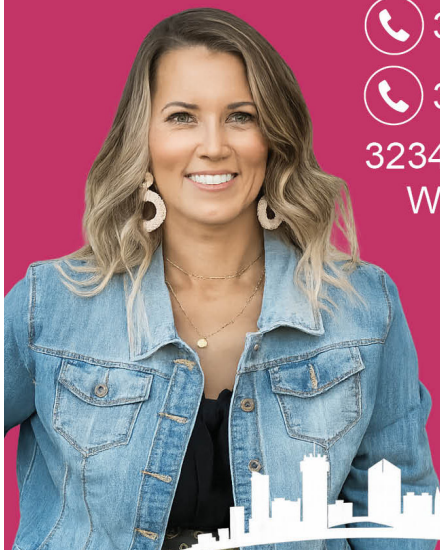
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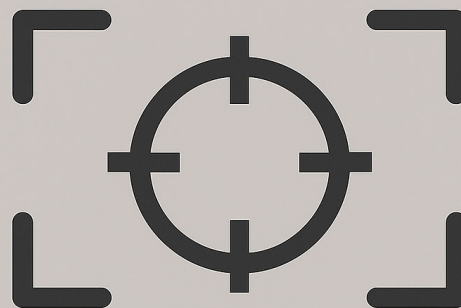
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MAYOR'S MUMBLINGS

Well as the end of summer nears and we deal with the scorching heat, I hope all the school kids enjoy their summer. As you look around town for the next few weeks you will see the city buildings get painted and the restroom at the ball parks.

Usually at this time of year the ball parks are getting their fall upgrades. This year, however, there will be games at Jerry Hill Memorial Field. The Wichita Independent Baseball League will be using them. Whitewater has an over eighteen baseball team, the Whitewater Rapids that will be playing on the field. Whitewater will also be hosting the Opening Games for the league. So, on August 22, 2026, get out and support the teams that will be playing at our field. The schedule for the WIBL will be configure this week and we will post that schedule on the City of Whitewater's website. We have some of our local boys playing on Whitewater Rapids. It should be a fun experience for everyone.

Also, recently the Whitewater Fire District received a new firetruck. This will be a powerful addition to the community for emergency responses. One of the things that keeps our local fire district going is the help of volunteers. So, if you are interested in being in the Fire Department, please reach out to Fire Chief Bob Bartlett.

Speaking of safety, I have noticed when I am sitting on my front porch or working in the yard, that we have issues with people exceeding the speed limit on Main Street. I also have complaints about Elm Street and Central Street. We have a lot of kids that play along those streets, and it would be tragic for something to happen to our kids or the adults that walk during the day for exercise. So, some of our options are to put speed bumps along these streets or write more tickets. The easiest option is that when you pull into town, roll down your window, slow down, look at your neighbor's houses, wave to people, and quit driving through town looking at your cellphone. The one second your eyes are off the road a person or pet could run out in front of your vehicle.

Speaking of pets, make sure you have your pets registered with the city. Our animal control officer can and will write tickets for violations of the city code regarding animals. Also, the city is reviewing the code regarding chickens, but you do need to register them and have your coop inspected to make sure it follows the guidelines the City Council has established for the protection of everyone.

Whitewater is a nice little community, and I hope that we can continue to make improvements to our town. The City Council and I intend to keep moving forward and improving things each year,

We will have openings on our volunteer boards at the end of the year, so if you are interested, please let us know of your interest.

Timothy Eldredge

NW BUTLER CO.

FARM & CRAFT MARKET

WHITEWATER, KS

Location: Centre Point Church,
212 S. Main in Whitewater, KS

**FINAL SUMMER
MARKETS**
August 15
&
September 5

FRED FEST MARKET
October 3
(Rain or Shine)
VENDORS OPEN
9AM - NOON

*Vendor applications
can be found on
Facebook,
the City Website or
at the City Building.*

*Contact the
coordinator to turn in
your applications.*
Market Coordinator:
RODGER
316-799-2849



WELCOME BACK, BRONCOS!

USD206 2026 - 27
Back to School Information:

August 13 First Day of School
August 17 Fall Sports Practices Begin
August 21 6pm RHS Fall Sports Parent Night
August 25 5pm Bronco Fall Showcase

Whitewater

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Wednesday Night Activities
Doors Open at 6pm



Kindergarten - 6th Grade
Starts September 9th
6:30pm - 7:50pm

CrossTrainers Youth Group

6th Grade - 8th Grade
Kickoff September 9th
6pm meal for students; 6:45pm - 8:15pm

Heirborne Youth Group

9th Grade - 12th Grade
Kickoff August 26th
6pm - 8:30pm



703 E. Central St. Whitewater, KS 67154

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

HEIRBORNE

Kick-Off

9-12TH GRADES

INVITE A FRIEND

WHITEWATER COMMUNITY CHURCH

703 E. CENTRAL ST. WHITEWATER, KS 67154



FOOD BOOTH APPLICATION

Saturday, October 3, 2026 • Whitewater, KS • Priority to locals (Whitewater, Potwin, Elbing, Furley)

Space is limited. Join "Food Row" and feed us what you make best! Questions? Contact Sharon at 316-259-2019.

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Special Requests / Comments: _____

List of items to be sold: _____

Booth Space to Reserve & Cost

☐ Booth Space — \$25.00

☐ Electricity — \$10.00 additional

Make check payable to: Frederic Remington Festival

Mail to: Sharon Entz, 9430 SE 84th St., Whitewater, KS 67154

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you. • Join the Tradition!

FESTIVAL NEWS

What's New for Fred Fest 2026

No Medallion Hunt

The Medallion Cluemaster is taking a break this year.

Watch for clues next year, with new rules concerning the use of AI.



FOOD CONTEST - APPLE PIE

What could be more American?!?

Show off your best homemade apple pie and compete for bragging rights at Fred Fest 2026.



DUNK TANK

Who would you like to see get dunked?

Submit your suggestions from Whitewater, Potwin, Elbing, or Furley at whitewaterks.gov.



SEAT BELT CONVINCER

Experience the Importance of Buckling Up

The Kansas Highway Patrol brings this interactive safety demonstration to Fred Fest for all ages.

Local Artist

We can't wait to see what you have created!

More information in the September Newsletter.

To be eligible for the parade prize \$\$, you must have completed and turned in a registration form.

2026 PARADE THEME
ALL AMERICAN

Check whitewaterks.gov frequently, as current festival information, forms, waivers, etc. will be posted as it becomes available.



WHITEWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

118 East Topeka, Whitewater, Kansas 67154 | Phone: 316-799-2471 | Fax: 316-799-1099
library.whitewaterks@gmail.com | www.whitewaterlib.info | www.facebook.com/whitewaterlibrary

HOURS

Monday: 1:30 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 1:30 - 8:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

STAFF

Director: Jean Thiessen
Admin Specialist: Joyce Bevan
Social Media: Janelle Goodrich
Summer Intern: Gianna Van Zelfden
Student Assistant: Clara Stoesz

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Vice President: Faith Slaymaker
Secretary: Deb Regier
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Member: Bren Callstrom
Member: Marilyn Slaymaker
Member:

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Secretary: Paulette Claassen
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Member:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRAND PRIZE WINNERS FOR SUMMER READING 2026!



Benjamin and Joel D. (not pictured) - Lego Sets; C. Burditt-Nelson - Brown Betty Teapot Set & Tea;
C. Graham - Lucky Luke Hat & Game Calls; J. Walter - Meat Package; S. Entz - Travel Basket;
M. Janzen- little tikes Rocket; Brylee G. - National Parks Monopoly; Samantha P. - Iced Tea Jug & Tea
(not pictured - Naomi F. - Fujifilm Instax Camera)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GUESSING JAR WINNERS!



Finnley W. Laura H. Sierra R.

SUMMER READING BY THE NUMBERS

- *504 registered participants
- *314 completed their reading goals
- *\$3,140 funneled back into the Whitewater economy through gift certificate prizes
- *289 kick-off attendees
- *5 story times
- *8 special events
- *25 new library cards issued
- *2,579 library visitors



AUTOMOTIVE & DIESEL REPAIR

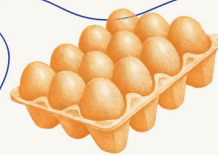
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HISTORY HIGHLIGHTED Annelly

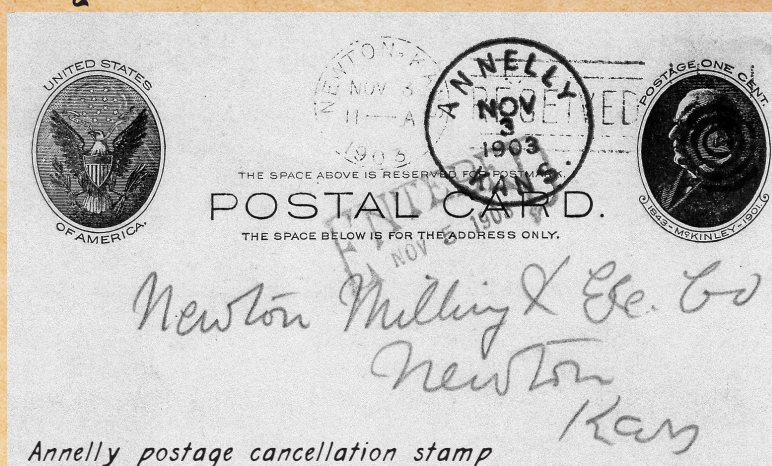
Where the Missouri Pacific crossed at point six miles west of Brainerd, another town was established. The town was named for a railroad official's wife and daughter, Ann and Elly. The town was organized July 5, 1885. Annelly had all the expected businesses, school, churches, and post office.

Annelly had no expectations of a second railroad so, in that light, saw benefit in Whitewater gaining another station. An article in The Weekly Republican, Newton, Kansas, September 9, 1887, says this in relation to Whitewater: "We haven't seen anyone moving out of Annelly yet. We hope they will have a station anyway, and grain and stock buyers, so that we farmers will have some benefit of the new road."

Although John Eilerts added on to his farm implement business in February 1886 and built a new residence in July 1887, he appears to be among the first to leave Annelly in August 1888. Most of the town soon followed.

The Post Office remained in service through the end of 1921.

Harvey County School District 28 was established in 1877 and became the Annelly School when the town was founded in 1885. The school was closed in 1953 but the building was used as a community building for many years. It remained as the sole remains of Annelly until it was moved a few miles in 1993.



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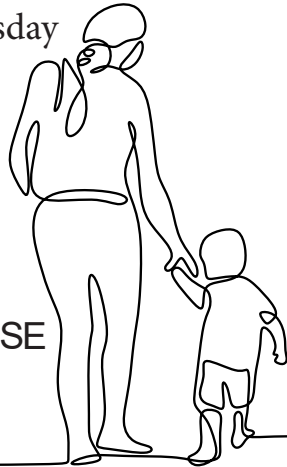
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2. Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem



Slow Down and Watch For Oncoming Traffic Before Attempting to Pass!

Do not pass illegally, on hills, curves or near intersections.



Watch For Hand Signals!

Farmers may use hand signals to alert you to their direction of travel/turns



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Have a safe, fun, and successful school year!

