

# WHITTEWATER

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

December 2023



Photo by Darryl Hill, November 26, 2023

### Thanks to these Whitewater neighbors for making the Tree Lighting a fun and celebratory event!

*Thank you.*

- City of Whitewater, for the tree, ornaments, and electricity to shine through downtown.
- Dan and Ravenscraft Implement for help in erecting the tree and purchasing and stringing lights. Couldn't do it without your expertise with skidsteer/forklift!
- Vintage Bank for creating the atmosphere with music, cider and 'smores. Got us in the spirit!
- Boy Scout Troop #225 for providing games - the snowball fight is always a favorite! And the Pine Cone Bird Feeders remind us to take care of our woodland friends through the winter season.
- Butler County 4-H for dramatizing the Christmas Story. Terrific job, kids!
- Whitewater River Fire District, for bringing out your trucks. Did anyone explore them?
- Jean Thiessen and the Whitewater Library for reading Tales of Christmas and sharing sidewalk games. We played, laughed, and we paused to remember the true spirit of Christmas!
- Kreg Jensen for sending us "stable" animals to pet. What fun!
- Eric Toevs for the Hayride. Always a fan favorite!

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> USD 206 District Board Meeting 7p @ District Office	<b>12</b> Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Homeschool COOP presents Mary Slessor drama 7p @ Centre Point Church	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> BINGO @ 6p
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> CITY COUNCIL Meeting 7pm WW Fire Board Mtg. 8p @ Fire District Office	<b>19</b> WHEAT STATE MANOR Christmas Service	<b>20*</b> SR. Days 1-3p @ Federated WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> City Office CLOSED	<b>23</b> Library CLOSED
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<b>31</b>						

## JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>  City Office CLOSED	<b>2</b> Library Board Meeting 7p @ Library	<b>3</b> Moms In Touch 9a @ Bruhn Coffee WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BINGO @ 6p
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  KANSAS DAY	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>*Jan. 17 - Moms In Touch</b> 9a @ Bruhn Coffee	

Newsletter & Calendar information or updates please contact  
Anne Morrow in the city office.  
Office phone: 316-799-2445  
email: [cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov](mailto:cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov)  
Thank you



Join us in celebrating the retirement of

*Vickie Beck*



*36 years with Krueger Insurance Management*



DECEMBER 14, 2023  
COME & GO 4PM - 6PM  
121 S Main, Whitewater, KS



## Meeting Highlights from 11/27/23

- A 2020 Revenue Bond of \$60,000 was paid off in September of 2023.
- City Council will have one vacant seat. The seat will be filled by appointment of the mayor and city council approval.
- The other two seats have been filled via write-in votes and their acceptance of the seat:

**Dan Ravenscraft  
Grant Bowlin**

*Full minutes are posted on the city website (which is under construction, please be patient).*

[whitewaterks.gov](http://whitewaterks.gov)

# Come Join the Fun

All Ages Welcome

Doors open at 6pm  
with food served

Game starts at 7pm

**BINGO DATES:**

# BINGO

Dec. 16  
Jan. 6 & 20

Feb. 17  
Mar. 2 & 16  
Apr. 6 & 20

AMERICAN LEGION POST 65  
108 E Topeka St. Whitewater, KS



CONTACT:

RELEASE:

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Chief – Butler County EMS and Rescue Squad  
316-322-4262  
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FOR IMMEDIATE

November 20, 2023

Butler County Emergency Medical Services, Butler County, Kansas is pleased to announce our transition to serving as the primary Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Rescue Services provider for Fairmont and Milton townships in North West Butler County, which includes the cities of Whitewater and Elbing, starting January 1, 2024. Until that time, the City of Newton Fire/EMS, will continue to be the primary responder for EMS services. Frank Williams, EMS Chief for Butler County, stated that "he's excited to continue the excellent safety and service tradition in EMS patient care for northwest Butler County, including the cities of Whitewater and Elbing. Residents can expect responsive and compassionate EMS services."

Butler County EMS has already been working on the transition by communicating with Newton Fire/EMS, the Whitewater River Consolidated Fire Department, Butler County 911 and other emergency partners in the area to ensure a smooth transition. In addition, Butler County added a sixth ambulance in 2022 to increase their capacity to service the needs of the entire county, included northwest Butler County.

Residents of the communities listed will expect no change in services provided in the area. All 911 calls will be sent directly to Butler County emergency medical responders and each situation assessed accordingly. Several area hospitals are available as ambulance transport destinations, including Newton Medical Center. As always, your local fire department first responders, Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District, will continue to respond to your call for help and are equipped with lifesaving technology.

WCC  
Heirborne  
Youth Group

# Christmas Bake Sale

Saturday, December 16th

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Whitewater Community Church  
703 E. Central Street  
9 am to 1 pm

COOKIES, PIES,  
CAKES, BARS,  
BREADS, CANDIES, &  
MORE!

Come enjoy some hot apple cider and  
coffee while you browse all the  
goodies!

All proceeds will go to  
benefit  
Heirborne Missions.



# North Butler November 2023 4-H Meeting and Achievement Night

Julia Amend, Reporter

The North Butler 4-H Club's monthly meeting was held on 11/13/23 at Emmaus Church. The night began with pizza to celebrate achievements made in 2022-2023. There were 21 members present with their families. Several 4-H'ers completed KAP/record books that were submitted to the county for judging. Others filled out activity papers that showed the things they did that year. Those 4-H'ers were recognized with a goody bag for their achievements.

Jeremiah Brewer and Milo Klingenberg were recognized for becoming new members this year. Jeremiah Goebel and John Ferley were recognized as 4-H graduates. Club project leaders were also appreciated for their volunteer service the past year, including Debora Claassen, who has served the club as a community leader for 37 years. The club then sang "Happy Birthday" to Harley McLaughlin and Hope McLaughlin.

A short business meeting was called to order by president, Caleb Klingenberg. There was no old business. In new business, the club voted for a new county fair theme. In announcements, Kiley Miller reminded the club about the Christmas play at the Whitewater Tree Lighting and practice would be held immediately following the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

## 4-H'ers Awarded for activity sheets included the following:

Ella Amend, Julia Amend, Carson Brackenridge, Cora Brackenridge, Donovan Brewer, Gracia Brewer, Lucy Goebel, Paige Goebel, Maggie Goebel, Anna Klingenberg, Kate Klingenberg, Garrett Regier, Natalie Worrell, and Kiera Yarborough.



Julia Amend, 4-H'er, receiving her award from Debora Claassen, leader.

## 4-H'ers Awarded for doing a KAP/record book were the following:

Ella Amend - Silver Guard Pin, Blue Award Intermediate KAP in Beef  
Julia Amend – Clover Pin, KAP in Beef  
Donovan Brewer – Emerald Pin, KAP in STEM, Secretary Notebook  
Gracia Brewer – Bronze Pin, KAP in Clothing & Textile  
Kiera Yarborough- KAP in Visual Arts

## Frederic Remington Area Historical Society Programs

2024

**February 5, 2024**

**"The Busenitz Family"** by Susan Busenitz Carp  
Remington High School Band Room, 7:00pm

**March 4, 2024**

**"Frederic Remington in Kansas"** by Doug Claassen  
Remington High School Band Room, 7:00pm

**April 1, 2024**

**"Local Ranches on the Prairie"** by Marcia Sebree  
Remington High School Band Room, 7:00pm, Elections

**May 4, 2024**

**Tour - Tallgrass Prairie Preserve/Z-Bar Ranch**  
2480B KS-177, Strong City, 9am-2pm

Updates & Program Lists  
can be found on the website:

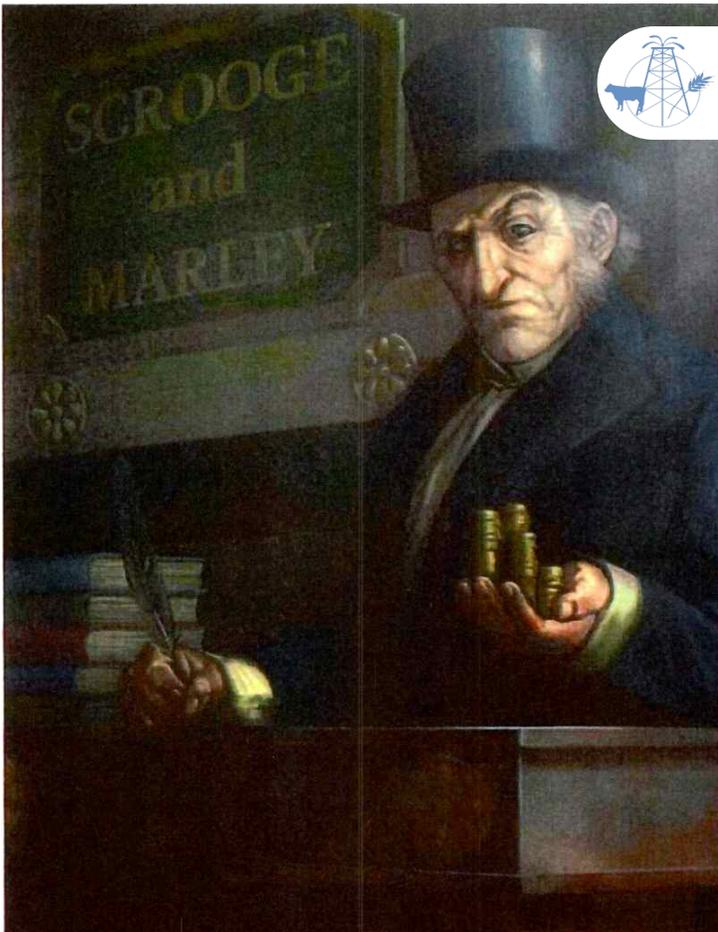
[fredericremingtonareahistoricalociety.org](http://fredericremingtonareahistoricalociety.org)

*Merry Christmas!*

If you have no family to share Christmas with this year, we would like to invite you to join us and others in the fellowship hall at Emmaus Church for a homemade Christmas dinner at noon, December 25.

Please RSVP by December 20 so we can look forward to a warm, fireside Christmas celebration together with you!

Contact Phyllis (316.217.6118) or Brenda (316.323.0475)



# KANSAS OIL MUSEUM

Presents

**Mark Mannette**  
as he portrays **Scrooge**

**DECEMBER 19, 2023**

**5:30pm - 6:30pm**

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*Must be 21 years old to enter.  
This is part of our  
History Happy Hour series.*

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## *The Mystery of Christmas*

The Nutcracker that tells the true meaning of Christmas



## **Whitewater Community Church**

invites you to a free live-stream of

**Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre's**  
*The Mystery of Christmas*

**Friday, December 22 at 2 p.m.**

For more information about Dramatic Truth:

[dramatictruth.org](http://dramatictruth.org)

For more information or to reserve your seat  
at WCC's live-stream:

[tyson.debbzyd@gmail.com](mailto:tyson.debbzyd@gmail.com)

# WHITewater AREA FOOD PANTRY

216 South Main • Bruhn Coffee House

## OPEN

**Every Monday  
4:30 - 5:30pm**

(Excluding Holidays)

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

**Closed on Monday, December 25  
and on Monday, January 1**

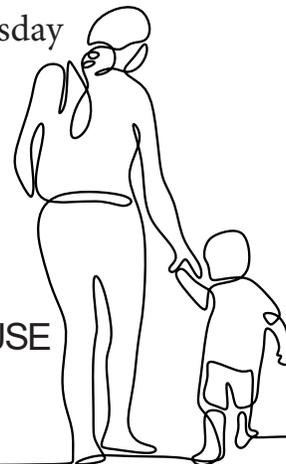
Order forms can be found on the Whitewater Memorial Library website, their lobby & the Whitewater Pizza Parlor.

# MOMS IN TOUCH

*Contributing to & for Our Community*

Any mom interested in praying for the Remington School District Please come join and participate with us.

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00am



BRUHN COFFEE HOUSE  
216 S. Main St.  
Whitewater, KS

WHITewater LIBRARY

## Food for Fines

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

- ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED:
- Toilet Paper
  - Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
  - Laundry Supplies
  - Canned Fruit
  - Canned Meat
  - Peanut Butter & Jelly

\*NO CORN, GREEN BEANS OR EXPIRED ITEMS PLEASE\*



## PATRON APPRECIATION Day

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

STOP BY FOR A WARM DRINK  
& TASTY TREAT AS A  
THANK YOU FROM  
US TO YOU!

**YOU MAKE OUR JOB  
FUN & REWARDING!**



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We all love our pets and living in the safety of a small town, however it takes us all to maintain such a life. This reminder of city code concerns us all, including the safety of our pet friends. With the Holidays upon us we may even have some visiting pet members of the family, lets keep everyone safe by keeping them on a leash, inside the fences and/or houses.

**City Code:**

**Chapter II. Article 1. Animal Control & Regulations, General Provisions**

**2-101. Definitions**

d) At-large means to be outside of a fence or other enclosure which restrains the animals to a particular premise or not under the control, by leash or lead, of the owner or other authorized person capable of restraining the animal.



Animals tethered to a stationary object within range of the public thoroughfares are deemed to be "At-large."

Don't let your pet get hurt or become a nuisance. Thank you

# Grieving a loss?

Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

Join us at  
**GriefShare®**

Weekly grief support group

When: Thursdays beginning January 11, 2024

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Whitewater Community Church  
703 E. Central St.  
Whitewater, KS 67154

Room: Fireside Room

Contact: LeeAnn Groben  
941-544-4273  
ldg@groben.com

Register:  
<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/177969>

# WHITEWATER SENIOR CENTER

American Legion Building

**Adults 55 & over  
get together 9am - 3pm  
with a Potluck served @ noon.**



December 12 & 26

January 9 & 23



# WHITEWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

118 East Topeka, Whitewater, Kansas 67154 | Phone: 316-799-2471 | Fax: 316-799-1099  
[whitelib@sbcglobal.net](mailto:whitelib@sbcglobal.net) | [www.whitewaterlib.info](http://www.whitewaterlib.info) | [www.facebook.com/whitewaterlibrary](http://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

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Sarah Hanna  
Vice President:  
Secretary: Cherry Stucky  
Treasurer: Cindy Claassen  
Member: Faith Slaymaker  
Member: Pam Entz  
Member: Laura Wyant  
Member: LeeAnn Groben

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

President : Colleen Floyd  
Vice President: Karen Hujing  
Secretary: Paulette Claassen  
Treasurer: Nancy Day  
Member: Patty King  
Member: Betty Hansen

# LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

**OPEN REGULAR  
HOURS MON-FRI  
DECEMBER 18-22**

**CLOSED  
SAT-MON  
DECEMBER 23-25**



**OPEN REGULAR  
HOURS TUES-FRI  
DECEMBER 26-29**  
**CLOSED  
SAT-MON  
DECEMBER 30-JAN 1**





WHITEWATER LIBRARY

# *Ugly Sweater Christmas Cookie Decorating*



CURE POST-CHRISTMAS BOREDOM -  
SEND YOUR KIDS TO THE LIBRARY TO  
DECORATE SUGAR COOKIES!

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 | 2-4 PM**





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- Whitewater Pizza Parlor, for rewarding us for solving the Christmas Carol Puzzles!
- Kae Hirsch, and the K Club members for providing help assembling the ornaments we made for our community Christmas Tree. Look for them as you drive by the tree!
- Berean Academy Students and Remington Middle School K-Clubbers who volunteered to help with the Cocoa Shop, Sidewalk Games, Photo Booth, Ornament Making, Petting Zoo, and the Random Act of Christmas Kindness Table. Thanks, too, for Singing for us. Wow! Your positive spirit and involvement were the extra enthusiasm our event needed! Please come back next year!

Last, but not least, we appreciate the men and women of Centre Point Church, who set up our tree, and who provided and set up equipment and booths to make this event a truly celebratory affair!

## Merry Christmas, Whitewater!

Join us next year on the first Sunday of December for another Whitewater Christmas Tree Lighting Event!

The **CITY OFFICE** will be  
**CLOSED**



**DECEMBER**  
**22, 25, 26, 27 & 29**  
**JANUARY**  
**1 & 15**



## WINTER Coat Drive

Help families in need with  
new or used coats!

We will accept all sizes of coats that are:

- new or freshly laundered
- undamaged with all fasteners present and working (zippers, buttons, etc.)

Drop Off Location: Whitewater Library  
118 E. Topeka

*\*Must be handed to a librarian during open hours*

**Donation Deadline: Dec. 20**

**FREE COATS AVAILABLE TO ALL  
UNTIL JANUARY 15.**





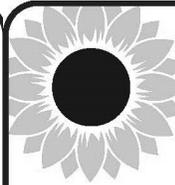
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# Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District



The Whitewater River CFD responded to eight calls for service in the month of November. They included four medical calls, a vehicle accident, a smoke investigation and two mutual aid calls. One of the mutual aid calls was to a large pasture fire in Potwin's Fire District and the second was for water supply for a residential fire in Newton's Fire District.

We had two fire drills in November, the first was drill was CPR/AED and introduction to an Autopulse (Mechanical CPR Device) instructed by Butler County EMS Personnel. Butler County EMS also brought a Medic Unit so our personnel could get familiarized with equipment placement.

The second drill was a presentation by Major Ray Marbut with the Augusta Department of Public Safety on Scene Preservation and Fire Investigation.

Our Facebook Page has moved and can be found by searching Whitewater Fire Department.

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.



**WHITEWATER RIVER  
FIRE DISTRICT**

*We would like to wish the  
community a  
Safe and Happy Holiday  
Season.*

DECEMBER 2023



# NEWS FROM THE MANOR

Thank you to our Veterans for their service and dedication to this country. We are honored to care for these men who made such sacrifices in order to keep us free! Thank you to Scout Troop 225 and Enhabit Hospice for helping us honor these veterans

Follow us  
on  
Facebook!



**We love our Veterans!**





## Upcoming Events

Community Christmas Program

6:30 pm Dec 19th

Christmas Party for residents with Santa Claus

Dec 21st

## Thank you to our November spiritual volunteers

### **Wednesday Worship Speakers**

Tom Scott

### **Sunday Morning**

Zach and Megan Entz

Grant Bird

Jeff Toevs and Dave Branson

Berean Academy students

### **Sunday afternoon Vespers**

Potwin Methodist Church

Emmaus Quartet

Grant Bird

Palmyra Baptist Church



**Shannon Gray was recognized as November employee of the month**

## **December Birthdays**



**2nd Bill Baker**

**3rd Rick Espe**

**6th Dorothy Flattery**

**11th Phoebe Drake**

**14th Elma Weibe**

**28th Betty Follin**

## **Dump-It Dumpsters**

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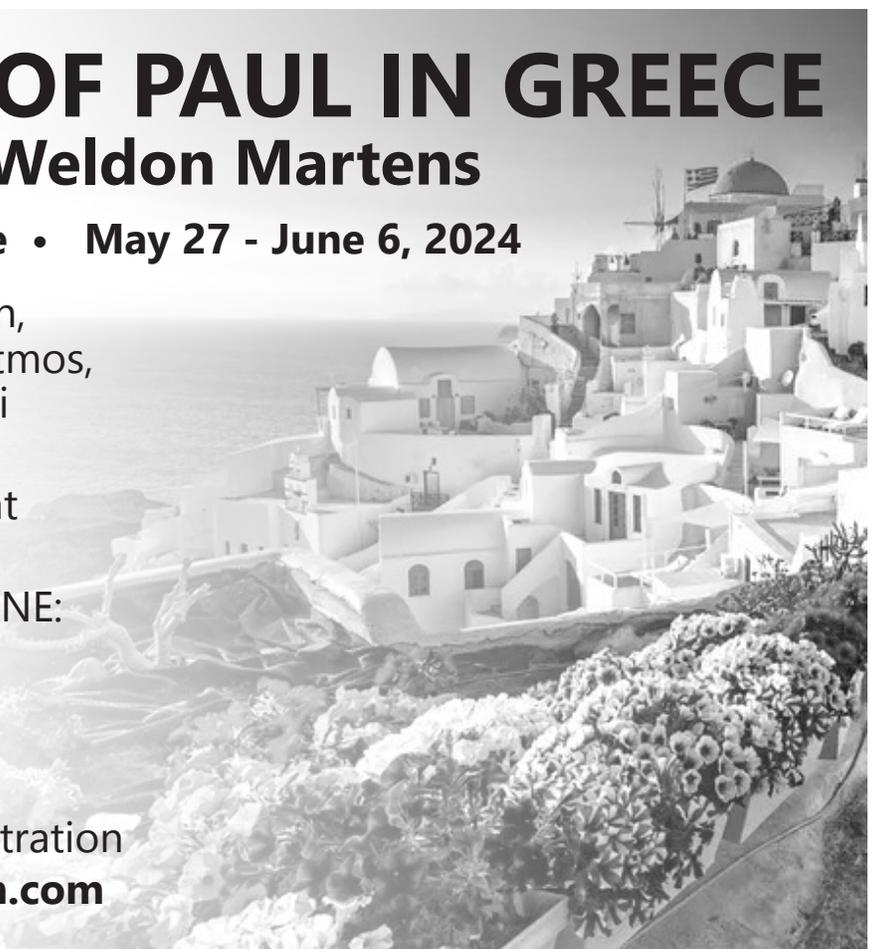
SITES: Athens, Corinth,  
Thessaloniki, Philippi, Patmos,  
Ephesus, & Santorini

COST: \$3,219 + Flight

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
January 18, 2024

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Full Information and Registration  
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383 East Central Ave  
El Dorado, KS 67042

COMING THIS JANUARY

# Family Fun Day

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS \$1.00 FOR NON MEMBERS

Please scan the link below and fill out this quick survey so we are ready with supplies..



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 10 AM - 1 PM  
383 E. CENTRAL AVE. EL DORADO, KS 67042  
WWW.KANSASOILMUSEUM.ORG

## Countryaid Vet Service PA

11360 NW Meadowlark Rd, Whitewater, KS 67154

### Annual Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, Feb. 10th, 2024

9:00am - 11:00am



#### Vaccination Specials

Rabies (1yr) - \$17

Rabies (3yr) - \$27

DHLPP (1yr) - \$29

DHLPP (3yr) - \$31

FVRCP (1yr) - \$29

FVRCP (3yr) - \$31

& others on request

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*Happy New Year!*

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Tarina Gfeller,  
APRN, CPNP



Tomica Blocker, MD

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