

Whitewater



Community
Newsletter



DECEMBER
2024

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
15	16 WW Fire Board Mtg. 7p @ Fire District Office	17	18 WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	19	20	21 BINGO @ 6p
22	23 CITY COUNCIL Meeting, 7pm	24 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion Christmas Eve City Office Closed	25 MERRY Christmas Christmas Day City Office Closed	26 City Office Closed	27 City Office Closed	28
29	30 City Office Closed	31 New Year's Eve City Office Closed				

JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
2025			1 Happy NEW YEAR New Year's Day City Office Closed	2 City Office Closed	3 City Office Closed	4 BINGO @ 6p
5	6 Friends of the Library 4:30p @ Library	7 Library Board Meeting 7p @ Library	8	9	10	11
12	13 USD 206 Dist. Brd Mtg. 7p @ District Office	14 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	15 WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	16	17	18 BINGO @ 6p
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Newsletter & Calendar information or updates please contact Anne Morrow at cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov.





City Council Meeting Highlights from 11/25/24

- The Council welcomed residents from S. Elm to discuss the possibility of a speed bump being placed on their street.

In listening to the public, the Council has decided to pursue other avenues of traffic control for S. Elm and not to put in a speed bump. The City thanks everyone who came and took part in the discussion.

- Jessica Bowman expressed her willingness to help whoever may take over the Animal Control Officer position for Whitewater and presented many ways to help the cat population in and around Whitewater. Whitewater KS Community Cats Inc., Paws in Oz, Alley Cat Allies, etc.
- Council approved job descriptions developed for both the Animal Control Officer and Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer roles.
- The November Financial Report was approved by the Council with a request to see what Whitewater has received from Sales Tax at the December meeting.
- The water tower maintenance has been completed and went well.
- The middle school did their Rake & Run again and helped gather so many leaves that the city maintenance offered to help with their dump trailer. There is a nice sized pile of leaves at the dump thanks to these kiddos and their teachers.
- There have been a few water leaks as well as hydrant leaks that the Maintenance crew have and will be working towards fixing. They thank you for your understanding and patience as they fix issues that pop up around town.
- A reminder to all, the speed limit within the city limits of Whitewater is 20MPH, please help remind everyone. Signs are posted.
- The Council has approved the purchase of a new mower for the upcoming mowing season.
- The start of an official Policy & Procedure Handbook has been approved by the City Council. These policies will take effect January 1, 2025.
- According to City Ordinance 636 passed in 2022, the rates for trash will increase in the year 2025.

All are welcome at City Council meetings.

Public Comment time is available; with a 5 minute limit per person near the beginning of each meeting.

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

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 @ 7:00PM

Full minutes are posted on the city website whitewaterks.gov

2025

NEW RATES

City of Whitewater
charges for Refuse Collection
starting January 1, 2025



Resident w/ (1) 95 Gallon Can (Tra01)	\$15.50 per month
Resident w/ (2) 95 Gallon Can (Tra03)	\$22.00 per month
Resident w/ (1) 65 Gallon Can (Tra02)	\$14.00 per month
Resident w/ (2) 65 Gallon Can (Tra04)	\$29.00 per month
Resident w/ (3) 65 Gallon Can (Tra09)	\$44.00 per month
Commercial Service w/ 95 Gallon Cart (Tra05)	\$21.75 per month
Commercial Serv. w/ 2 95 Gallon Carts (Tra06)	\$27.50 per month

per Ordinance No. 636 passed in 2022

MOMS IN TOUCH

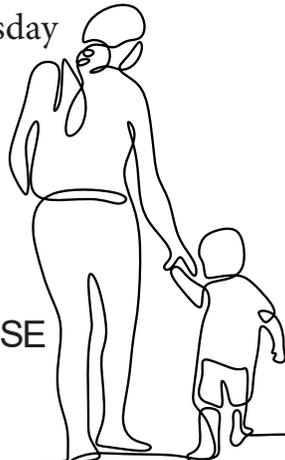
Contributing to & for Our Community

Any mom interested
in praying for the
Remington School District
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participate with us.

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of the month at 9:00am



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Whitewater Memorial Library website,
their lobby & the Whitewater Pizza Parlor.



North Butler 4-H Club Celebrating Their Achievements

By Gracia B., Reporter

The North Butler 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting November 11th at the Emmaus Church to celebrate their achievements. Before the program, members and their families gathered together to enjoy pizza, side dishes, desserts, and fun conversations. Club leaders Debora Claassen and Mindy Amend greeted every person as they joined the festivities, and encouraged everyone to enter the door prizes drawing.

After the meal, Debora recognized each club member that had participated in the 2023-2024 4-H year. As the members received their gift from Debora, they shared what their favorite part of the past year had been. Some answers included: "Spending time with friends at the county fair!" "Doing my welding project." "Working with my animals." and "Learning how to bake something new." The answers highlighted the versatile talents of the North Butler 4-H youth.

Once each member was recognized, then special awards and door prizes were announced. The following list showcases those who received special awards: Ella A., Julia A., Donovan B., Gracia B., and Jeremiah B. & Makenzie C. was also recognized for graduating from 4-H after ten years of membership.

In closing, new officers went through officer training and are now better prepared to lead their club through the 2024-2025 4-H year. The North Butler 4-H Club will meet again December 9, 2024 at 7 P.M. in the Emmaus Church Fellowship Hall.



North Butler 4-H Club 2024-2025 Officer Team

Cottonwood Pediatrics

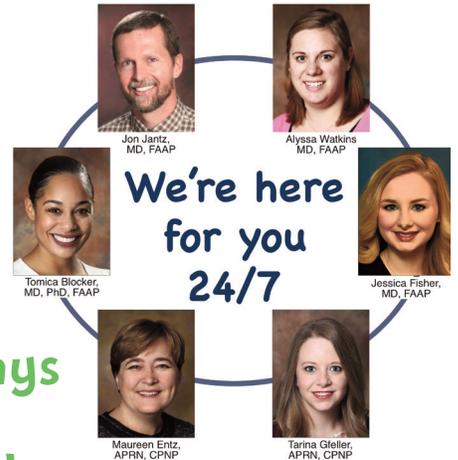
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Jessica Fisher, MD, FAAP



Maureen Entz, APRN, CPNP



Tarina Gfeller, APRN, CPNP

Jon Jantz, MD
Alyssa Watkins, MD, IBLCE
Tomica Blocker, MD, PhD
Jessica Fisher, MD
Maureen Entz, APRN, CPNP
Tarina Gfeller, APRN, CPNP

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700 Medical Center Dr., Ste 150
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316-283-7100
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

We enjoyed a lovely kickoff to our Christmas season at the Whitewater Community Tree Lighting Event.

Besides our friendly neighbors we appreciate the efforts of the following groups in making this a wonderful occasion.

A special **Thank You** to:

The City of Whitewater, Ravenscraft Implement and Centre Point Church for the community tree and set up.

Boy Scout Troup 225 for the Snowball fight and Christmas craft.

Vintage Bank for 'Smores and Cider around an open fire.

Friends of the Whitewater Memorial Library for challenging us to read by celebrating the Jolabokaflokkur and chocolates. (Continues through December!)

Pizza Parlor for hosting Christmas Legoland.

Kae Hirsch and Kay Clubbers for the Ornament making event.

Thanks to Ed and Chris Flora for opening 201 Main to us for this event. Also, for leading carols (with his volunteer choir) around the tree.

Berean Students for manning the Cocoa Booth.

Kay Club for hosting the Cookie Decorating and Coloring tables.

Sara E and Sara S for Snow Pictures.

Eric Toevs for Hayrides.

Remington Middle School Band Ensemble for Christmas tunes.

Butler County 4H for the Nativity Play.

Wheatstate and Centre Point Church for hosting the first annual Jingle Run with help from Whitewater Firefighters.

Thanks to **You** our Whitewater neighbors for sharing the fun together. And for those unnamed volunteers who made this all possible. It really "takes a village."

Have a blessed Christmas and see you on the first weekend of December 2025!

- Centre Point Church





REMINDER

From the City Office:

The City Office will be closed from
December 24 - January 3

The Office will be open
Monday, January 6 @ 8AM

"I appreciate your understanding as I take this time to spend with my family."

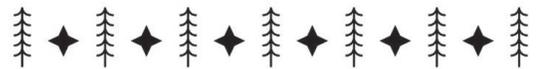
- Anne Morrow, City Clerk



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HOURS

Monday - Friday
8AM - NOON; 1 - 5PM

Saturday
9AM - NOON; 1 - 3PM

Sunday
CLOSED



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UPDATES

A bonus feature that we would like to utilize from our online utility billing/ payments is the ability to send out notifications to our residence in town in case of emergencies or utility work notices.

To do that the city office needs your updated email and/or phone numbers.

Many of you have had your accounts for several years and your contact information has changed.

Please contact the office with your updated contact information. If your account is new (within a year old) consider your account updated unless your information has changed.

Thank You



NEED A LAST MINUTE GIFT?

HOLIDAY SALES ALL MONTH LONG!

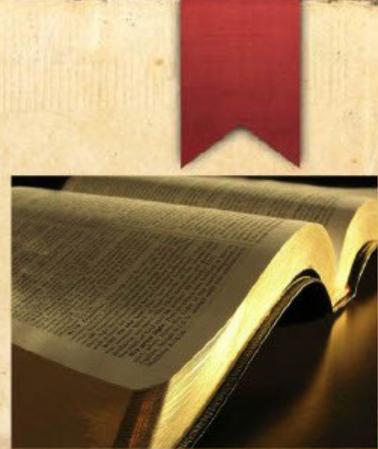
GIVE US A CALL FOR ALL OF YOUR FLORAL NEEDS!

MAIN STREET BLOOMS

316-799-2701

THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT AND SHOPPING LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

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



WHITEWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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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
Library Intern: Gianna Van Zelfden
Student Assistant: Clara Stoesz

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Interim Pres: LeeAnn Groben
Secretary: Cherry Stucky
Treasurer: Cindy Claassen
Member: Deb Regier
Member: Faith Slaymaker
Member: Pam Entz
Member: Laura Wyant

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

Holiday Hours

The library will be open regular hours on all days through the end of the year except for:

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - closed

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day - closed

Food for Fines

Bring items for the Whitewater Area Food Pantry to the library during December in exchange for fine forgiveness.

Merry Christmas!



**WINTER
Coat Drive**

Help families in need with new or used coats!

Accepting 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



**PATRON
APPRECIATION
Day**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

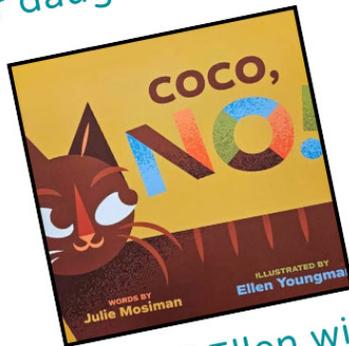
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& TASTY TREAT AS A
THANK YOU FROM
US TO YOU!

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WHITEWATER LIBRARY

EXCITING NEWS!

Our very own JULIE MOSIMAN has published TWO children's books and her daughter, ELLEN YOUNGMAN, is the illustrator!



Julie and Ellen will present their books at a special storytime in January 2025.

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✦ *Perfect Christmas gift idea!* ✦



Pay While Away

**BILL PAY
ONLINE**

**City of Whitewater
whitewaterks.gov**

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ONLINE**

City of Whitewater is excited to announce that it will be implementing a new customer portal!

This customer portal allows customers to easily manage their utility accounts, monitor usage, view bills, and enroll in Autopay or Text to Pay.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The current Text to Pay features will not be transferred to the new online portal. Customers currently signed up for Text to Pay will need to re-enroll with their payment information once their new account has been registered to continue on or Text to Pay.

City of Whitewater is always improving and exploring new ways to give our customers the most reliable and affordable water service possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

There is a service fee of \$2.50 for each transaction.



City of Whitewater customers will also have the option to pay their bills by phone by calling: **(866) 583-8390**



Customers wishing to have the convenience of paying and viewing billing information online will need to create an account on the new online portal by following the link:

<https://new.nexbillpay.net/whitewatercityks/billpay/signin>

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An account number is required and can be found on your current bill. Once signed up, go paperless.

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BINGO

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DEC.		7	8	21
JAN.	4	&		18
FEB.	1		&	15
MAR.		1	&	15
APR.	5	&	19	

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



WHEAT STATE MANOR

DECEMBER 2024

◆ NEWSLETTER ◆

**THANKSGIVING
SERVICE
NOVEMBER 26,
2024**

Chris and Ed Flores, Ron and Janice Harder, Cindy and Darryl Claassen, Don Brown, and Brenda Rust blessed us with a Thanksgiving Message in song.



**PASTOR ANDREW DYER,
PALMYRA BAPTIST CHURCH
AND HIS FAMILY BLESSED US WITH
MUSIC.**



Sherry Chisham shared her sign language skill by translating our hymns





WE PARTICIPATED IN THENJINGLE RUN AS PART OF THE TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION. COMMUNITY MEMBERS RAN TO WHEAT STATE AND COLECCTED A STRING OF JINGLE BELLS FROM OUR RESIDENTS.



Merry Christmas

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH THURSDAY DECEMBER 19, 2024 4:30PM SUPPER (soup and sandwiches) 6:30 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (living nativity portrayed by our residents scripture reading and carol singing) Please RSVP for supper by December 13th



Grinch Grows a Heart



The Grinch put his hand to his _____.

BODY PART

And he did hear a sound rising over the snow.

It started in low. Then it started to _____.

ACTION WORD

But the sound wasn't _____! Why, this sound sounded glad!

A FEELING

Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the _____,

SIZE

Was singing without any _____ at all!

THINGS

He HADN'T stopped _____ from coming! IT CAME!

HOLIDAY

Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the Grinch, with his Grinch _____ ice-cold in the snow,

BODY PART

Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?"

"It came without _____! It came without tags!"

THINGS

"It came without packages, boxes or _____!"

THINGS

And he and puzzled til his _____ was sore,

BODY PART

Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a _____.

PLACE

"Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

And what happened then? Well, in Whoville they _____,

ACTION

that the Grinch's small heart grew _____ sizes that day!

NUMBER

And now that his heart didn't feel quite so tight,

He _____ with his load through the bright morning light,

ACTION

And he _____ everything back, all the food for the feast.

ACTION

And he, HE HIMSELF! The Grinch carved the _____!

FOOD

Christmas

Word Search

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Amanda Tyler
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