

Whitewater



Community
Newsletter

**FEBRUARY
2025**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
9	10 USD 206 Dist. Brd Mtg. 7p @ District Office	11 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	12  Lincoln's Birthday	13	14  Valentine's Day	15  @ 6p
16	17 Fire Board Mtg. 7p @ Dist. Office  Presidents Day City Office Closed	18	19 WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	20	21	22  Washington's Bday
23	24 CITY COUNCIL Meeting, 7pm	25 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	26	27	28	

MARCH

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1  @ 6p
2	3 Friends of the Library 4:30p @ Library	4 Library Board Meeting 7p @ Library	5 WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	6	7	8
9  Daylight Savings	10 USD 206 Dist. Brd Mtg. 7p @ District Office	11 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	12	13	14	15  @ 6p
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</i> Spring	21 Spring Begins	22  CITY WIDE Clean Up
23	24 CITY COUNCIL Meeting, 7pm	25 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	26	27	28	29
30	31	<p>Newsletter & Calendar information, updates and cover photo submissions please send to Anne Morrow at cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov.</p> 				



City Council Meeting Highlights from 1/27/24

- The council has decided to table the topic of vacating the city alleyway located west of the house on 512 N. Main.
- The Financial Report provided by City Treasurer Ullum showed comparisons between the 2023 and 2024 years. The comparison helped reveal areas to watch as well as the fact that we are heading in the right direction and doing well.
- Parks & Rec provided a report through Andy Floyd to the council. Basketball has just a few more weeks and then the baseball programs will be starting. Thankful for the work City Maintenance has done on the outfields which will be in good condition when the seasons start. Parks & Rec continue to work on their social media game and are looking to get a website set up.
- Officer Moore reports four (4) traffic stops and one (1) warrant arrest.
- City Maintenance reports that after this snow and ice removal process it would be a good idea to budget for the purchase of a plow that can attach to the F-250. This will provide a more efficient removal process and create safer travel on our streets.
- The City Clerk continues to provide functional computers/laptops for the office work being done by both the treasurer and maintenance. All ordinances, resolutions and annexation ordinances have been scanned organized and sent on to Ranson Citycode. The hope is to have all our current codes online in a few months. Office hours changed to 8am-4pm.
- The Mayors report concerning information gathered for the position of and hiring an animal control officer was assisted with the presence of Dr. Pat Regier of Countryaid Vet. There were discussions of setting up a kennel out at the old water plant to assist in animal containment.

On the Agenda for February
Animal Control - Training
Bids for Hydrant Install
City Website Development

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, FEBRUARY 24 @ 7:00PM

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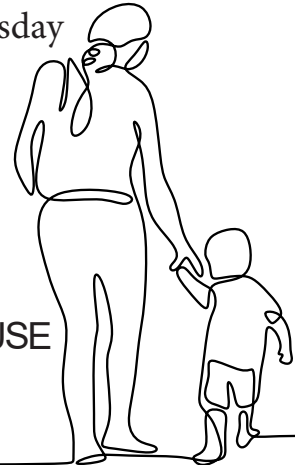
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Whitewater, KS

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

Saturday
9AM - NOON; 1 - 3PM

Sunday
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we are also on Facebook

316-799-2740

WHITewater AREA FOOD PANTRY

216 South Main • Bruhn Coffee House

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4:30 - 5:30pm

(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.

RMS 2nd NINE WEEKS – 2024

SUPERINTENDENT'S ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

8TH GRADE:

Laurel Beach
Dylan Belnap
Landon Busenitz
Eagan George
Hollis Jensen
Anna Klingenberg
Caleb Klingenberg
Kaden Kramer
Kinsley Peters
Eva Schmidt
Mary Shockley
Ella Zuercher

7TH GRADE:

Donovan Brewer
Audra Entz
Hudson Harder
Trevor Smith

6TH GRADE:

Julia Amend
Carter Busenitz
Max Claassen
Renee Entz
Aspen Hoch
Gannon Jensen
Lauren Klingenberg
Maya Klingenberg

5TH GRADE:

Asa Freed
Nicole Gerstenberger
Joy Hatfield
Barrett Koehn
Waylon Lago
Cora Martin
Olivia Newell
Paislee Ryan
Greta Schmidt
Noah Schmidt
Mya Snyder

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL - A'S AND NO MORE THAN 2 B'S

8TH GRADE:

Jacob Chapple
Scout Conyers
Bentley Huston
Karys Klaassen
Benni Scribner
Lane Vanderford

7TH GRADE:

Serenity Andrews
Macie Bachelor
Julian Bowlin
Ethan Houston
London Kramer
Millie Martin
Cooper McAllister
Maximus McCormick

6TH GRADE:

Luke Belnap
Adilyn Cox
Samuel Eck
Zeke Entz
Cora Gatz
Kathryn Gerber
Olivia Gerstenberger
Maebel Houston
Braylon Knopik
Braxton Madson
Owen Newell
Rachel Scheffler
Tyson Thunberg
Henry Trower
Emma Wright

5TH GRADE:

Tate Cowan
Alexis Entz
Olivia Faris
Olive Graves
Breken Huston
Wyatt Klingenberg
Abi Koehn
Cole Thiessen

RED AND WHITE HONOR ROLL - A'S AND B'S

8TH GRADE:

Mason Artz
Brody Entz
Gage Smeeton

7TH GRADE:

Gibcyn Bishop
Jackson Otto

6TH GRADE:

Luther Beach
Ellyson Bohne
Elizabeth Price
Nariah Stewart
Breck Wisdom

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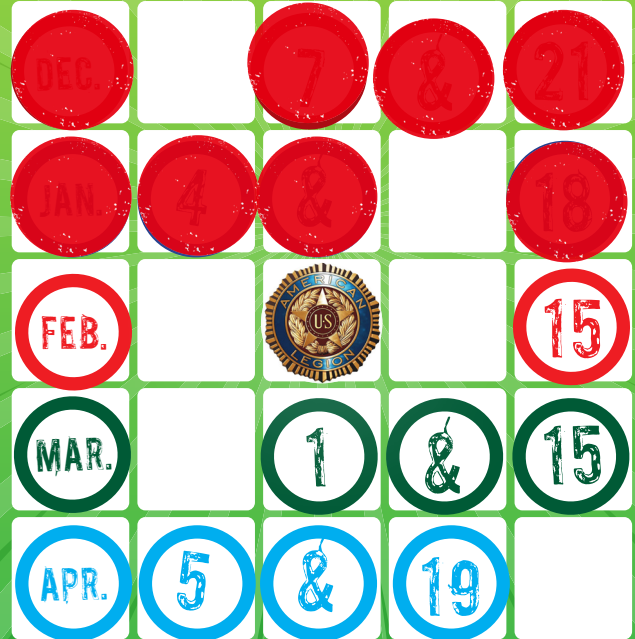


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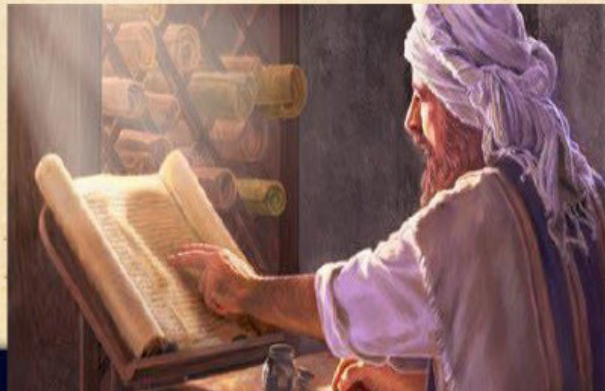


Food at 6pm & Bingo starts at 7pm.
All ages welcome.

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



North Butler 4-H Club Now is the Best Time to Set Goals for the New 4-H Year

By Gracia B., Reporter

The North Butler 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting January 20th at the Emmaus Church. Vice President Ella Amend led the meeting. Roll call was taken by members completing the statement, "My favorite chip is...": fourteen members were present.

Harley McLaughlin gave the 4-H Council Report and reminded members that 4-H Days is March 2nd. For a leader's report, Debora Claassen echoed the reminder of the upcoming 4-H Days event and that sign-up was open. She also encouraged everyone to read the newsletter that was sent out by the Extension office. Finally, Debora shared with the club that now was a great time to set goals for this year's 4-H project. Setting goals will give a place to start, and a spot to reach for throughout the year.

Three birthdays were recognized: Milo, Hadley, and Natalie. For this month's program, Kate led the club in singing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." She could not join in person, so she did this virtually by playing the piano and sending a video for us to sing along to! Rustin gave a project talk on "Making Jewelry," and showcased bracelets and earrings she has made from clay beads. Lucy told us about the trip she took to Thailand and Myanmar! Ella demonstrated "How to Make Cookie Dough Overnight Oats." Kierra shared her violin talent by engaging the audience with three Christmas songs. As she played, she didn't tell us the names, but we could join in if we recognized them! It was a lot of fun. The songs were: "Angels We Have Heard On High," "I Saw Three Ships," and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

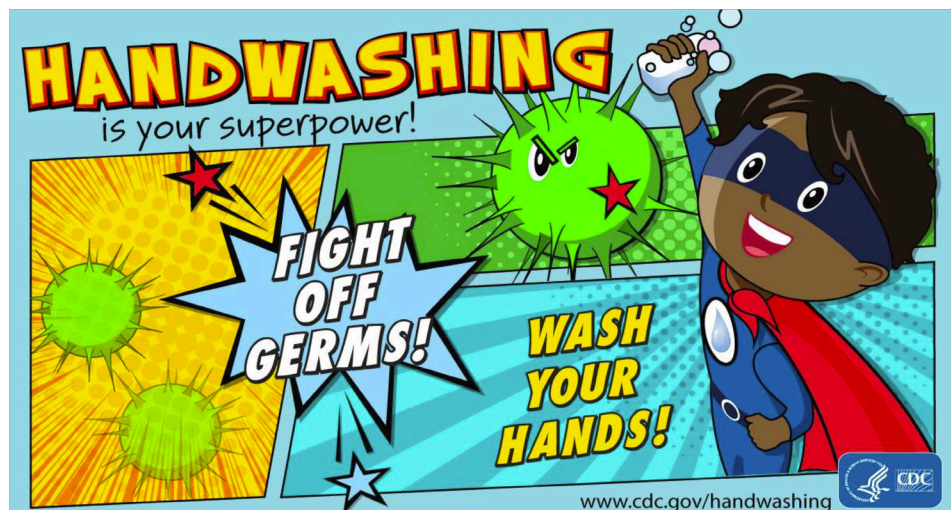
After the program, Milo led us in playing Color Tag, and refreshments were served by the Miller family.

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Tomica Blocker, MD, PhD
Jessica Fisher, MD
Maureen Entz, APRN, CPNP
Tarina Gfeller, APRN, CPNP

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PRACTICING KINDNESS IMPROVES HEALTH

The phrase, "Be kind," is one many of us have heard since we were toddlers. Most people understand what it means to be kind, whether they practice it authentically is a choice. Research now suggests that making kindness a habit impacts health and longevity. Take a look for yourself at how being kind plays a more significant role in boosting happiness, psychological well-being, and physical health than you may have realized.

Being kind changes the brain – Those who practice kindness through volunteering don't experience the same type of declines in memory or executive functioning compared to those who do not volunteer. Research results have shown that after two year of regular volunteer work people's brain health was significantly impacted.

Those who practice kindness regularly have lower risks of mortality – People who are kind have been shown to be more physically active. They are able to walk longer at older ages, have better balance, and have lower levels of physical pain. Researcher still do not understand the exact mechanisms by which acts of kindness improve people's health, but it is likely that multiple processes are at play.

Kindness reduces stress - Stress causes a cascade of reactions in your body. It can drive up blood pressure, ultimately lead to higher cholesterol levels, and other changes that raise the risk of cardiovascular disease and other poor health outcomes. Kindness may help buffer that stress response by distracting you from problems you may be having, so that you are less reactive to yourself and have a clearer perspective.

Acts of kindness reduce social isolation – Social isolation is a known risk factor for physical and mental health problems. Acts of kindness require going out to help others and looking outside of our own circumstances. This sense of purpose and connection reduces the impact of isolation.

Kindness impacts the health of all ages – In a recent study, high school students were randomly assigned to volunteer for 10 weeks with elementary school kids. Compared to students in the trial who were put on a wait list, the teen volunteers had improvements in several markers of cardiovascular health: healthier body mass index, healthier inflammatory markers, and healthier total cholesterol. The students who increased the most in empathy and altruistic behaviors, and who decreased the most in negative mood, also showed the greatest decreases in cardiovascular risk over time.

Acts of kindness are actions of the heart. Now research backs that these heartfelt actions have heart healthy results. Make the choice to "Be kind," and feel the ways a kind heart can create a healthier heart.



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- 3 or more children **\$50.00 each.** (Does not include child playing T-Ball)
- **NOTE:** T-Ball forms will go out late April or early May! T-Ball games start in June.

**Register online at [TeamSnap.com](https://www.teamsnap.com) (scan QR Code)
Whitewater Park & Recreation Facebook
Whitewater Memorial Library**



STARTING DATES FOR GAMES

- Week of April 21st ***1st – 2nd Grade Baseball/Softball*** 3rd – 4th Grade Baseball/Softball
***5th – 6th Grade Baseball/Softball *** 7th – 8th Baseball
- Week of May 19th *** 7th – 9th Softball
**Thursday, July 3rd – Last "PLAYING DATE" of the 2025 WHJBSL Season **

Questions: Call or Text Eric Jones 765-1024

Email: whitewaterparkandrec@gmail.com

DENIM

& Diamonds



Saturday, March 1st, 2025

Daddy - Daughter Dance

5:30-8:00pm @ RMS

Pre-K through 8th Grade

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DJ, Dinner, & Dancing

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Please Return To RES or RMS no later than Friday, Feb 14th.

Daughter Name + Grade: _____

Additional Daughter Name(s)
+ Grade: _____

Dad (or other Guest) Name: _____

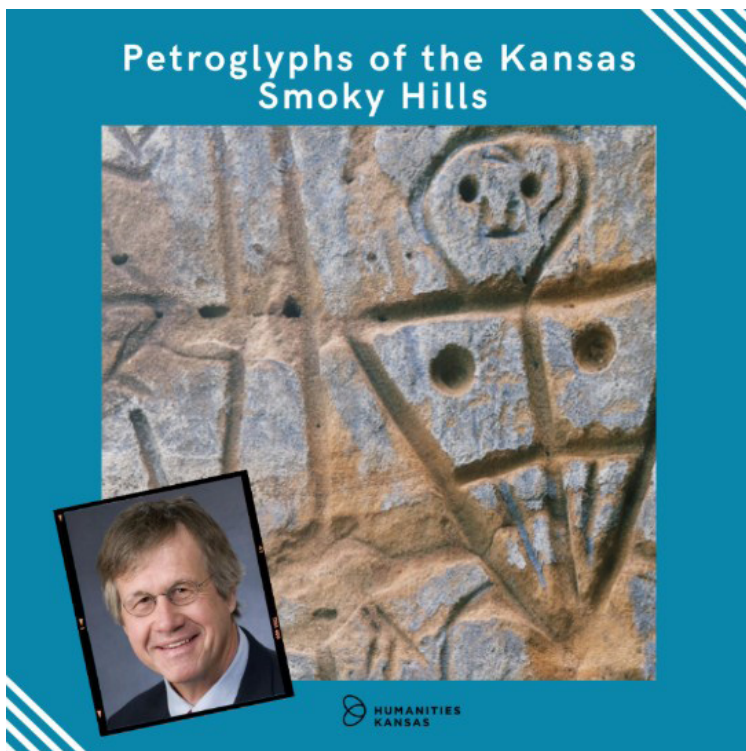
\$35/couple + \$10 per
additional daughter _____

THE FREDERIC REMINGTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 3, 7 P.M.

Centre Point Church, Whitewater

Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills by Rex Buchanan



Too often Kansas history seems to start with the Coronados' trip through the state in 1541. For centuries before European arrival, Native people lived on the plains, and some left behind rock carvings on soft sandstone in the middle of the state. Based on the book *Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills*, this presentation focuses on these carvings, the people who made them, and what the carvings tell us about those people and their relationship to the land. The presentation also discusses the challenges of dating and interpreting these carvings, the threats posed by erosion and vandalism, and the role of landowners whose property shelters these carvings. Rex is the former director of the Kansas Geological Survey and the author of books about Kansas geology and water. "Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills" is part of Humanities Kansas's Speakers Bureau, featuring humanities-based presentations designed to share stories that inspire, spark conversations that inform, and generate insights that strengthen civic engagement. Members of the community are invited to attend the free program. The program is made possible by Humanities Kansas and the Frederic Remington Area Historical Society.

Prescribed Burning Workshop

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025
9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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 - Fuels & Fire Behavior
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Thursday: 1:30 - 8:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

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Friday, March 7,
the library will be closed
for librarians to attend professional
development training in Wichita.

SPRING BREAK

AT THE LIBRARY

MARCH 17 - 21

Watch the March newsletter, the website and
www.facebook.com/whitewaterlibrary
for fun events happening at the library!



PET REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN WHITEWATER

WHITEWATER CITY CODES, CHAPTER II: ANIMAL CONTROL & REGULATION

Every owner of any dog or cat over three months of age shall **ANNUALLY** register with the city clerk his or her name and address with the name, sex and description of each dog and cat owned and kept within the city. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any newly acquired dog or cat which is brought into the city to fail to register such animal within 30 days from acquisition or bringing the dog or cat into the city. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any previously registered dog or cat to fail to maintain current registration of such animal.

TAGS & COLLARS

Once registered the city clerk will provide to the owner or keeper of the dog/cat a tag with the registration number and the registration year/color thereon, which shall be, by the owner or keeper, **attached to the collar** to be used on the dog/cat so registered.

To receive a tag one must supply the city with:

- 1.) Registration Form 2.) Proof of Rabies Vaccine 3.) Payment 4.) Photo of Animal

TAG COSTS: Spayed/Neutered = \$5 NOT spayed/neutered = \$10

2025 PET REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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Attention Whitewater

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

March 22rd

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.



More information will be provided in the March Newsletter.



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FEBRUARY 2025

◆ NEWSLETTER ◆



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