

Whitewater



Community  
Newsletter

JANUARY  
2025



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## JANUARY

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> USD 206 Dist. Brd Mtg. 7p @ District Office	<b>14</b> Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	<b>15</b> WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> BINGO @ 6p
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Fire Board Mtg. 7p @ Fire District Office <b>MLK Jr. Day</b> City Office Closed	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> CITY COUNCIL Meeting, 7pm	<b>28</b> Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion <i>Kansas Day</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## FEBRUARY

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> GROUNDHOG & PANCAKE FEED @ Am. Legion Bldg., 8a-2p
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Friends of the Library 4:30p @ Library	<b>4</b> Library Board Meeting 7p @ Library	<b>5</b> WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> USD 206 Dist. Brd Mtg. 7p @ District Office	<b>11</b> Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	<b>12</b>  <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	<b>15</b> BINGO @ 6p
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Newsletter & Calendar information or updates please contact  
Anne Morrow at [cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov](mailto:cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov).





# City Council Meeting Highlights from 12/23/24

- The council has approved to consider to start the process to vacate the 20 ft alley along the front portion of the property of 512 N. Main with the City of Whitewater reserving a right-of-way in that same portion to access utilities that are present. This will be seen by the Planning and Zoning Committee at their next meeting.
- Discussions were made concerning what is needed to be established as far as equipment and training to hire an Animal Control officer.
- The new mower has been purchased and delivered and mows “real nice”. Old equipment continues to be sold off and the proceeds are going into the Equipment Fund.
- Andrew Hanna passed his Water Certification Test. Congrats!
- The COOP has cut down their problematic trees and now have them piled up on their property. Thank you.
- Officer Moore reports five (5) traffic stops and one (1) ticket. He has seen an increase in Domestic Violence and Disturbance calls for both Whitewater and Potwin.
- The City Wide Cleanup is scheduled for March 22, 2025
- The city is partnering with the Loyd Group for the 2024 Audit.
- The city is adopting the 2024 Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Whitewater.
- The council has approved the purchase of 3 fire hydrants with valves and hardware to start replacing the worst ones. Bids for installation are begin gathered.

## On the Agenda for January

Animal Control

Bids for Hydrant Install

Cost Analysis for Kennels and possible Locations.

*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, JANUARY 27 @ 7:00PM**

Full minutes are posted on the city website [whitewaterks.gov](http://whitewaterks.gov)

# Find Your Balance

WITH BONNIE BREWER  
FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCES AGENT  
K-STATE RESEARCH & EXTENSION



FAMILY LIFE - MENTAL WELLNESS - NUTRITION - RELATIONSHIPS - SELF-CARE

## TAKE A KINDER APPROACH TO YOUR GOALS

Often when it comes to goal-setting, we think it's all or nothing. We believe, 'I have to do this' or 'I have to be focused...' That is not necessarily the best or most successful way to achieve what you want. Instead, take the long view on goals. When pursuing goals, even a little progress means a lot. Take a kinder, more gentle approach.

Think about this: there are 168 hours in a week, how much of that time do you actually need to achieve your personal, financial, health, or other goals? Some things only take about an hour a week. You can make much progress on a project by spending an hour or two a week on a regular basis.

For example, if you want to read a book, but feel overwhelmed, spend just 5-10 minutes a day reading. Or if a goal is to get in better physical shape, dedicate 15-20 minutes a few times a week as an entry point.

This approach to goal-setting works when managing the family's finances, too. If you want to increase your family's emergency fund...what you could do is plan to put aside a small amount each month, perhaps as little as \$10 per month. That might not seem like a lot, but over a year, that's \$120 for your emergency fund that you didn't have previously.

It's important to share your goals as a family, particularly when it comes to spending money. When appropriate, involve kids, particularly as they grow older and transition into helping with such expenses as vehicles, insurance, weddings, and more. Sharing your goals as a family can allow for the family to work together, grow together, and keep one another accountable.

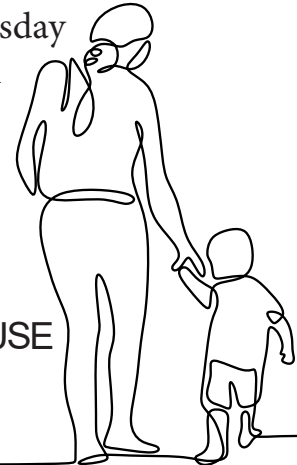
Sometimes – whatever goals you're setting – you don't take your intended actions. Don't beat yourself up. Wherever you're at, keep thinking ahead. Share your goals, write them down, and review them periodically; but don't obsess over them. Remember baby steps take a child from walking to running. Be kind to yourself and keep pushing forward.

## 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 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.

Order forms can be found on the  
Whitewater Memorial Library website,  
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201 S Main Street, Whitewater  
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# BINGO

@ AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

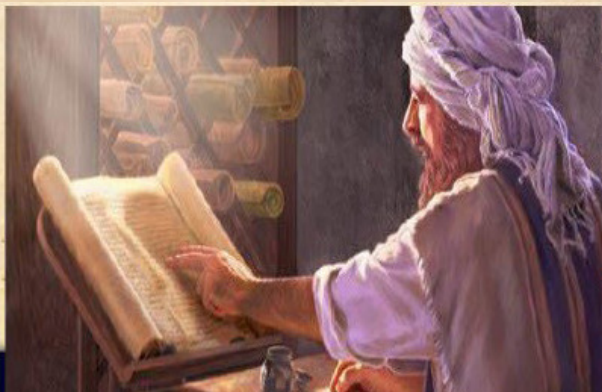


Food at 6pm & Bingo starts at 7pm.  
All ages welcome.

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 <a href="mailto:Joshua_Eicher3141@protonmail.com">Joshua_Eicher3141@protonmail.com</a>





# Cottonwood Pediatrics

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Playing outside in the winter is fun!  
Just be sure to dress for the weather

Prevent frostbite & hypothermia

- Avoid playing outside when the temperature or wind chill is -15° or lower
- Take regular breaks to go inside and warm up
- Wear layers and remove wet clothing right away



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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**TREVOR BERGEN**

**6522 SE 84TH ST. NEWTON, KS 67114**

**316-832-5247**



Dear Community Members,

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the snow removal process. Our goal is to ensure that streets are safer for everyone and to help the snow melt as quickly as possible. If you must park on the streets, we kindly ask that you allow the road crews to clear the area efficiently and without delay.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,  
City Maintenance Team

**TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SPENT HOURS & HOURS  
SHOVELING & BLADING STREETS, SIDEWALKS & PARKING LOTS....**

**YOU ARE ROCK STARS!**

**THANK YOU!**



# COUNTRY AID

## VET SERVICE PA's



# ANNUAL VACCINATION CLINIC

**SAT. FEB. 08**  
2 0 2 5  
**9AM-11AM**

**VACCINATION  
SPECIALS**

**RABIES (1YR) - \$17**  
**RABIES (3YR) - \$27**  
**DHLPP (1YR) - \$29**  
**DHLPP (3YR) - \$31**  
**FVRCP (1YR) - \$29**  
**FVRCP (3YR) - \$31**  
**& OTHER ON REQUEST**

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**11360 NW MEADOWLARK RD, WHITEWATER KS**



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## Countryaid Vet Service PA

11360 NW Meadowlark Rd, Whitewater, KS 67154



### HOURS

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

**Saturday**  
9AM - NOON; 1 - 3PM

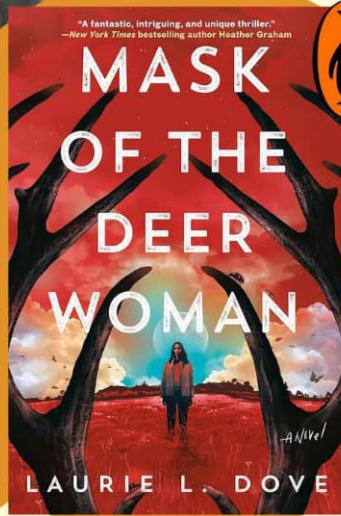
**Sunday**  
CLOSED



### WEBSITE:

[countryaidvetservice.com](http://countryaidvetservice.com)  
we are also on Facebook

**316-799-2740**



**Feb 1, 2025**  
**2:00 pm**

# LAURIE DOVE

## AUTHOR TALK

⋮⋮⋮ 201 Main, Whitewater, KS ⋮⋮⋮

### *About the Book*

In the past decade, too many young women have disappeared from the reservation. Some have ended up dead, others just...gone. Now local college student Chenoa Cloud is missing, and ex-Chicago detective Carrie Starr falls into an investigation that leaves her drowning in memories of her daughter—the girl she failed to save.



A native of the Furley area area, Dove graduated from Remington High School and Bethel College and went on to report and edit for several area publications including the Newton Kansan and Wichita Eagle. After a brief stint in politics as Valley Center council member and mayor, Dove is now fully immersed in her literary career.

*Books will be available for purchase, and a Q& A and book signing will follow.*

*Sponsored by Whitewater Library & Sage Readers Book Club*

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Open to the public!



WHITEWATER LIBRARY

# STORY TIME EVENT

*with Author and Illustrator*

● *Julie Mosiman*  
*Ellen Youngman* ●

*of the newly "Coco, No!"*  
*released* and  
*books* "Coco, Snow!"

\*GET YOUR COPIES AT THE  
LIBRARY NOW OR AT THE EVENT!

**Saturday, January 18**  
**10:30 A.M.**

Open to the public with a  
special invitation to all former  
and current Story Time parents  
and children!

*\*reception to follow*



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\$65

Delivery available!

1/2 Dozen Roses with  
vase \$35



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 ————— 2 0 2 5

# GROUNDHOG & PANCAKE FEED

All you care to eat from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Adult \$10.00

Youth (7 to 12) \$5.00

Kids under 6 eat free with parents

Sugar free syrup is available

1-pound packages of frozen groundhog will be available for take home.  
Please notify upon arrival that you wish to purchase.

The Legion is having a raffle for a  
Heritage .22 Revolver  
&  
a Ruger 10-22.

Tickets \$5.00 or  
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# WHEAT STATE MANOR

JANUARY 2025

## ◆ NEWSLETTER ◆



**CHRISTMAS  
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5TH GRADERS CAME AND MADE  
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WITH  
US**



**DECEMBER WAS A VERY  
BUSY MONTH HERE AT  
WHEAT STATE..**



**SANTA AND MRS CLAUS JOINED US ON  
DECEMBER 23 .**



**THE COMMUNITY BLESSED US WITH SO MANY CAROLERS, CARDS FOR THE RESIDENTS, GIFTS FOR THE RESIDENTS. I WON'T TRY TO NAME ALL OF YOU THAT DID SO BECAUSE I WOULD MISS SOMEONE. THANK YOU FOR BLESSING US. WE HOPED YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON WAS BLESSED..**



**THE HARDER FAMILY BLESSED WITH THEIR SINGING ONE EVENING. AS DID MANY OTHER CAROLERS**





# **CITY DUMP EDUCATION**

If you're adding tree debris to the dump or burn piles, please help keep our shared space clean and organized by placing your debris as close to the pile as possible.

This small act of consideration makes it easier for everyone to use the area and ensures safety for all.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our public areas organized and tidy!



**This is an example of what not to do when dumping at the City Dump.  
Please do better Whitewater.**

## **REMINDER**

The City Dump is just that,  
for those who live within the city limits.

Items allowed:

Trees, Brush, Leaves, Garden Waste, Grass Clippings

**OPEN FROM DUSK TO DAWN**





# Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District



## **Hope Everyone Had a Safe and Happy Holiday Season**

2024 was a record-breaking year for the Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District with 185 total calls for the year. We gave mutual aid or automatic aid to 7 of our neighboring departments for a total of 49 calls and received mutual aid or automatic aid for a total of 54 calls. Some of these calls had multiple agencies responding at the same time to specific calls such as large grass fires or structure fires. Without everyone helping each other, we could not get the incident taken care of safely and efficiently.

With the Butler County side of the district changing over to Butler County EMS coverage for medical calls, the response times were not as significant as we were all afraid of. On average, Whitewater saw about 4 minutes, Elbing about 8 minutes, Milton Township was about 4 minutes and Fairmount saw the longest delay of about 12 minutes longer. Butler County EMS responded about 79 times to our fire district and Newton EMS responded about 15 times to Richland and Pleasant Townships. Butler County EMS also responded to Wheat State Manor about 56 times for less critical calls that the fire district did not respond.

The Fire District had our annual end of the year supper for the Volunteer Fire Personnel, Board Members and their wives. Special Thanks to Ed and Chris Flora and Aubrey Kinsley for the use of 201 Main for our annual supper this year.



(Back Row) Judah Kidd, Ryan Alexander, Kenny Phipps, Gavin Evans, Colton Harmon, Chris Hall,  
(Front Row) Capt. Mike Claassen, Chief Bob Bartlett,  
Lt. Drew Busenitz, Bill Good. (Not in Photo) Drew  
Klaassen, Trey Ellington, Lt. Trent Bartlett, Michael  
Douglas

(Left to Right) Steve Clark, Elbing; Lynn Voth,  
Pleasant Twp; Dan Ravenscraft, Whitewater; Dalen  
Wiebe, Fairmont Twp; Allen Patterson, Richland Twp;  
Jeff Zuercher, Milton Twp; and Jeff Toevs, Member at  
Large; (Not Pictured) Sue Archer, Treasurer

As the Fire Chief of the Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District, I would like to thank each and every one of these individuals. I would also like to thank their families for putting up with all the untimely call outs taking your loved ones away from your family time. These individuals are very dedicated to serving the citizens in our fire district as well as anyone else in their time of need.


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.

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New Year!*

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We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of our customers. Your continued patronage is the foundation of our success, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to be your financial partner. Wishing you a wonderful new year filled with prosperity and joy!

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