

# WHITEWATER COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

November 2023



Thank you to all the businesses who participated:

American Legion  
Bell Automotive  
Butler Rural Water District #7  
Cabin Pie Co.  
Chelmsford Tea & Gifts  
Country Aid Vet Service  
Federated Church

Furley United Methodist Church  
Krueger Insurance Management  
Lamb Funeral Home  
MKC  
Mom's Cafe  
Nusser Fuel  
Precision Cuts

Ravenscraft Implement Inc.  
Sommer Rose  
USD 206 Office  
USPS  
Vintage Bank Kansas  
Wheat State Manor  
Whitewater City Building

Whitewater Community Church  
Whitewater Fire Department  
Whitewater Locker  
Whitewater Memorial Library  
Whitewater Photo Museum  
Whitewater Pizza Parlor  
Whitewater Tire

## RMS 1st NINE WEEKS – 2023

### SUPERINTENDENT'S ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

#### 8TH GRADE:

Ella Amend  
Brock Chapple  
Cameron Eck  
Drew Entz  
Emma Entz  
Maggie Green  
Gracee Oberst  
Ruby Ralston  
Taylor Willour

#### 7TH GRADE:

Laurel Beach  
Landon Busenitz  
Anna Klingenberg  
Caleb Klingenberg  
Eva Schmidt  
Benni Scribner  
Gage Smeeton  
Lane Vanderford  
Ella Zuercher

#### 6TH GRADE:

Julian Bowlin  
Audra Entz  
Hudson Harder  
Ethan Houston  
Trevor Smith

#### 5TH GRADE:

Julia Amend  
Bentley Bain  
Ellyson Bohne  
Carter Busenitz  
Max Claassen  
Samuel Eck  
Kairi Engelbrecht  
Renee Entz  
Kathryn Gerber  
Olivia Gerstenberger  
Nathanael Greene  
Aspen Hoch  
Maebel Houston  
Gannon Jensen  
Lauren Klingenberg  
Maya Klingenberg  
Braylon Knopik  
Braxton Madson  
Owen Newell  
Elizabeth Price  
Rachel Scheffler  
Maleah Smeeton  
Nariah Stewart  
Tyson Thunberg  
Henry Trower  
Landrey Westerfield  
Breck Widsom

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

#### 8TH GRADE:

Kaycee Ballew  
Micah Giles  
Dixie Hanna  
Lilly Howell  
Gage Jones  
Alyssa Klingenberg  
Joy Rutschman  
Ethan Zuercher

#### 7TH GRADE:

Hollis Jensen  
Joshua Kelley  
Karys Klaassen  
Easton Koehn  
Paisley Lies  
Kinsley Peters  
Mary Shockley

#### 6TH GRADE:

Millie Martin  
Cooper McAllister  
Charley Mertes  
Jackson Otto

#### 5TH GRADE:

Koury Clayton  
Knoxton Conyers  
Adilyn Cox  
Cora Gatz  
Selah Patton

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

#### 8TH GRADE:

Ryder Armstrong  
Luke Claassen  
Carson Cook  
Kaylee Finstad  
Chayton Lineback  
Ryan Potter  
Bella Schmidt  
Kylar Wiebe

#### 7TH GRADE:

Mason Artz  
Jacob Chapple

#### 6TH GRADE:

Serenity Andrews  
Donovan Brewer  
Grant Hendricks  
Grady Jones  
Andres Lopez  
Maximus McCormick  
Aiden Ochsner  
Jordi Rankin



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
19	20 WW Fire Board Meeting 8p @ Fire District Office	21 WHEAT STATE MANOR Thanksgiving Service	22 WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	23  City Office CLOSED	24 City Office CLOSED	25
26	27 CITY COUNCIL Meeting 7p	28	29	30		

## DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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*DEC. 20 - Moms in Touch, 9a @ Bruhn Coffee						
						BINGO @ 6p
3 Christmas Tree Lighting 4-6pm	4 Rem. Historical Soc., 7p @ RHS Band Room Friends of the Library Mtg. 4:30p @ Library	5 Library Board Mtg. 7p @ Library	6 Moms in Touch 9a @ Bruhn Coffee WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	7	8	9 Christmas Craft Market 9a-2p @ RMS Gym
10	11 USD 206 District Board Meeting 7p @ District Office	12 Senior Gathering 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	13	14	15	16 BINGO 6p @ American Legion
17	18 CITY COUNCIL Meeting 7pm WW Fire Board Mtg. 8p @ Fire District Office	19 WHEAT STATE MANOR Christmas Service	20* SR. Days 1-3p @ Federated WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	21	22 City Office CLOSED	23
24	25  City Office CLOSED	26 Senior Gathering 9a-3p @ Am. Legion City Office CLOSED	27 City Office CLOSED	28	29 City Office CLOSED	30
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Newsletter & Calendar information or updates please contact Anne Morrow in the city office.  
Thank you

Office phone: 316-799-2445  
email: [cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov](mailto:cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov)

### City Office Hours

Monday 8am - 5pm  
Tuesday 8am - 5pm  
Wednesday 9am - 6pm  
Thursday 8am - 5pm  
Friday 8am - 5pm  
Lunch 12:30pm - 1:30pm



# WHITWATER 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

## Food 4 Fines

In November and December library patrons are invited to contribute to the community by donating products to the Whitewater Area Food Pantry (WAFP) in exchange for the elimination of existing overdue library fees.

Items always needed include:

Peanut Butter and Jelly  
Canned Fruit and Canned Meat  
Toilet Paper  
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes  
Laundry Supplies

(Please, NO EXPIRED ITEMS or GREEN BEANS OR CORN)

## Yum Yum Book Club

Do you enjoy experiencing other cultures? Do you enjoy sampling foods from other countries? Then we have the book club for you.

It's called the Yum Yum Book Club - silly name, we know, but it describes fully the experience of reading good books and tasting yummy treats.

Each month a box arrives at the library from the Universal Yums company and contains tasty treats from a specific country or region around the world. Members read a book about that country, set in that country or written by an author from that country.

It's informal, light-hearted and just plain fun. Call the library for information and to join.



## Meeting Highlights from 10/23/23

- The Butler County EMS states that **it will not be a problem to transport to Newton.**
- The City Car Wash will raise its price by 50 cents, **\$2.50 for 6 minutes.**
- The City would like to thank Heirborne from Whitewater Community Church for their help with the city clean-up following the Fall Festival.

Full minutes are posted on the city website under the City Council tab. [whitewaterks.gov](http://whitewaterks.gov)  
Please note that the website is currently under construction and we ask for your patience.

### 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,  
their lobby & the Whitewater Pizza Parlor.

### MOMS IN TOUCH

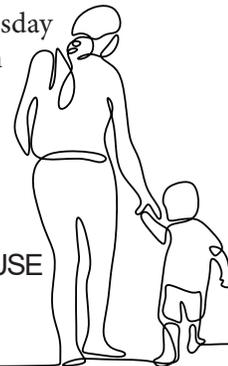
*Contributing to & for Our Community*

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



## Come Join the Fun

All Ages Welcome

Doors open at 6pm  
with food served

Game starts at 7pm

**BINGO DATES:**

# BINGO

Nov. 18

Feb. 17

Dec. 2 & 16

Mar. 2 & 16

Jan. 6 & 20

Apr. 6 & 20

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



# NEWS FROM THE MANOR

## WE APPRECIATE OUR PASTORS!

We invited our pastors and others that provide spiritual support to an appreciation luncheon. We are so grateful to everyone who offers their spiritual gifts.



## October Employee of the Month

Mary Thompson was chosen as our October Employee of the Month. Mary works in Laundry, Housekeeping, and as a C.N.A

## Did You Know?

Wheat State Manor offers more than just long-term care. Many have come for a short stay for therapy and returned home. We also offer outpatient therapy following an injury or accident.

### Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving  
Service

6:30 pm Nov 21

Christmas Program

6:30 pm Dec 19

**November Wednesday**

**Worship**

Tom Scott  
Dennis Busenitz  
Laverne Busenitz  
Chuck McCrea

**Sunday Morning**

Zach and Megan Entz  
Grant Bird  
Jeff Toevs & Dave Bransom  
Berean Academy

**Sunday afternoon Vespers**

Potwin Methodist Church  
Emmaus Quartet  
Grand Bird  
Palmyra Baptist

**November Birthdays**

4th Eleanor Glenn

12th Robert Allen

25th David Potts

Follow us  
on  
Facebook!



Thank you to  
Good Shepherd  
Hospice and  
Choice Hospice  
for the donation  
of candy

We loved all the Trick or Treaters !!



**WE ARE BLESSED BY  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

The Ladies Auxiliary provided a new popcorn machine. The smell and taste brought many residents out for a fun time of visiting.



# 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:

<https://fredericremingtonareahistoricsociety.org>

## TRADING POST

Offering 2BR combined lodge stay at **Wilderness Club at Big Cedar Resort** south of Branson, MO. Full kitchen in 1BR side, partial kitchen in adjoining studio. King beds & sofa sleepers in each room. Dates are Dec. 3-8 (5 nights). The Big Cedar Resort is fantastically decorated for Christmas; a truly beautiful time to visit.

Cost to cover my maintenance fees is \$460. If interested, text Wes at 316-722-6188.



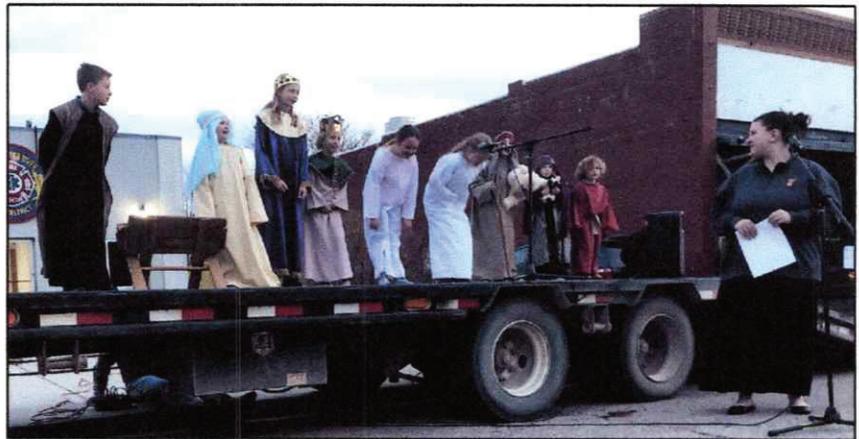
**DEC. 9, 2023**  
shop from 9am - 2pm  
Take Pictures with Santa  
Free Admission to the public  
American Legion Auxiliary  
will be selling food.

Located at Remington Middle School Gymnasium  
316 E. Topeka St., Whitewater, Kansas

*7th Annual Christmas Craft Market*  
NW Butler Co. Farm & Craft Market

It's the most  
**Wonderful**  
of the  
**TME**  
year

**Christmas is Coming to  
Whitewater!**  
**Christmas Tree Lighting**  
**December 3, 2023**  
**4-6 p.m.**



The fun events keep growing. and you'll enjoy this opening of the Christmas season with your neighbors!

*Come join us for this family-friendly, free event!*

Sponsored by Centre Point Church with the participation of Whitewater Community Partners.



# *Christmas Wishes Program*



With joy and excitement, Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater and RMS KAY Club are pleased to announce we will be sponsoring this year's Christmas Wishes Program!

Through the Christmas Wishes Program, we will be collecting new toys and warm clothing for children of deserving families in the Remington USD #206 school district. This is a wonderful opportunity to bless local children of families who might be facing financial hardships.

Families are welcome to request assistance or can be nominated by completing a form located at Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater, Whitewater Memorial Library, Whitewater Area Food Pantry, Whitewater City Office, Potwin City Office, Potwin Public Library, and Remington USD #206 schools.

We added Wheat State Manor residents to our Christmas Wishes Program. Resident names were given to us by staff at WSM for those who may not receive a Christmas gift.

An anonymous tag will be placed on a Christmas tree at Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater. Each tag will represent a child or WSM resident and will contain information needed to provide something they want, something they need, and/or something to read.

Please take this opportunity to join us, with giving hearts, to share the spirit of Christmas with a local child or WSM resident by selecting a tag!

## **Important dates:**

- Nominations will be accepted through **November 24<sup>th</sup>**.
  - o Tags will be available for choosing at Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater at 126 S. Main St. on **November 24<sup>th</sup>**.
- New, unwrapped gifts with the tag attached should be returned to Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- Gift pick up will be at Vintage Bank Kansas-Whitewater on **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
  - o If you cannot pick up gifts on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, please contact the bank about other arrangements.

For more information, please call **316-799-2137** or email [kbartlett@vintagebankks.com](mailto:kbartlett@vintagebankks.com), [alewis@vintagebankks.com](mailto:alewis@vintagebankks.com), or [cmatthews@vintagebankks.com](mailto:cmatthews@vintagebankks.com)



**Nominating Form:**

For bank use: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Delivery: PICK UP DATE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 22nd AT VINTAGE BANK KANSAS - WHITEWATER

Address to deliver gifts (include city): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



**A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME:**

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Boy / Girl

Favorite color/character/etc (to help buy gifts):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SOMETHING I WANT:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**SOMETHING I NEED/TO WEAR:**

For clothes, please specify youth or adult along with the size (ex: Youth S, Adult L)

\_\_\_\_\_

**SOMETHING I'LL READ:**

\_\_\_\_\_



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For clothes, please specify youth or adult along with the size (ex: Youth S, Adult L)

\_\_\_\_\_

**SOMETHING I'LL READ:**

\_\_\_\_\_



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## ATTENTION WHITEWATER RESIDENTS

Dear Whitewater Resident,  
 The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the KDHE, are **REQUIRING** all Public Water Supply systems to conduct a Lead Service Line Inventory of both the public and privately owned water services within our jurisdiction. Please know that the City of Whitewater currently & in the past has not had any lead issues within our water supply.

We need your help in providing the privately owned (customer side) information through the survey found below. This information is crucial for us to complete our systems material evaluation. **Please fill out the survey to the best of your knowledge and return it to the City Office. Any questions or need assistance in filling out the survey can be directed to the City Office at 316-799-2445.**

*If you are a renter and are not capable of filling out the survey, please return the survey with your address as well as your landlord's name. This will help us to contact the correct person for your address. Thank you.*

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Whitewater KS, 67154

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord Name if Renter: \_\_\_\_\_

Water service line (water line from the meter to the house) construction material	<input type="radio"/> Lead <input type="radio"/> PEX	<input type="radio"/> Copper <input type="radio"/> HDPE	<input type="radio"/> Galvanized Steel <input type="radio"/> Asbestos Cement	<input type="radio"/> PVC <input type="radio"/> Other Non-lead
Water service line size	_____ inches			
Water service line installation date	_____ (year)			
Building Type	<input type="radio"/> Single Family Residence	<input type="radio"/> Multi-Family Residence (Apartment)	<input type="radio"/> Building	<input type="radio"/> Other
Water Softener, filter or other treatment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
Home internal plumbing material	<input type="radio"/> Lead <input type="radio"/> HDPE	<input type="radio"/> Copper <input type="radio"/> PEX	<input type="radio"/> Copper Pipe w/ Lead Solder <input type="radio"/> Galvanized Steel	<input type="radio"/> PVC <input type="radio"/> Other Non-lead
Secondary internal plumbing material	<input type="radio"/> Lead <input type="radio"/> PVC	<input type="radio"/> Copper <input type="radio"/> HDPE	<input type="radio"/> Copper Pipe w/ Lead Solder <input type="radio"/> PEX <input type="radio"/> Galvanized Steel	<input type="radio"/> Other Non-Lead
Rear (range) internal plumbing was installed	<input type="radio"/> Before 1989 <input type="radio"/> Between 1989 & 2014 <input type="radio"/> After 2014			

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## WHITWATER SENIOR CENTER

American Legion Building

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



### THANKSGIVING MEAL

November 21

with Butler County Commissioners

December 12 & 26

### November Bunco for "Bookies"

**Who:** Adults 18 and over

**What:** Play bunco with friends!

BYOD and a snack to share!

**When:** Nov. 17 at 6:30pm

**Where:** Whitewater Memorial Library

**Why:** Spend time with community  
members & have a laugh!

**Cost:** \$5 at the door





The dump is for limbs, garden and flower refuse to be put on the burn pile.

Leaves and grass clippings are to be put on the compost pile.  
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**City Code:**

**Article 2. Fire Prevention**

**7-204. OPEN BURNING.**

a) It shall be unlawful for any person to burn trash, rubbish, leaves, straw, grass or other combustible material in any public grounds of the city, or to burn the same in any concrete gutter or on any street or alley improved by concrete or brick or asphaltic pavement or by petroleum products.

**b) It shall be unlawful for any person to burn any trash, leaves, lumber, straw, paper, boxes, grass or other combustible materials openly within the fire limits of the city.**

c) Burning of combustible materials may be authorized by issuance of a burning permit with conditions and restrictions stated thereon as determined by the Chief of the Fire Department, his or her representative or authorized agents, where the reduction or disposal of such solid waste and where such burning would not be in conflict with state regulations. It shall be prima facie evidence that the person who owns or controls property on which burning occurs has caused or permitted the fire. (Ord. 447, Sec. 1)

# FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL IN GREECE

## with Pastor Weldon Martens

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**Date & time**

Thursday, November 30  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
FireSide Room

**Contact info**

info@whitewater  
communitychurch.com  
316-799-2180 ext. 1000

[griefshare.org/holidays](http://griefshare.org/holidays)

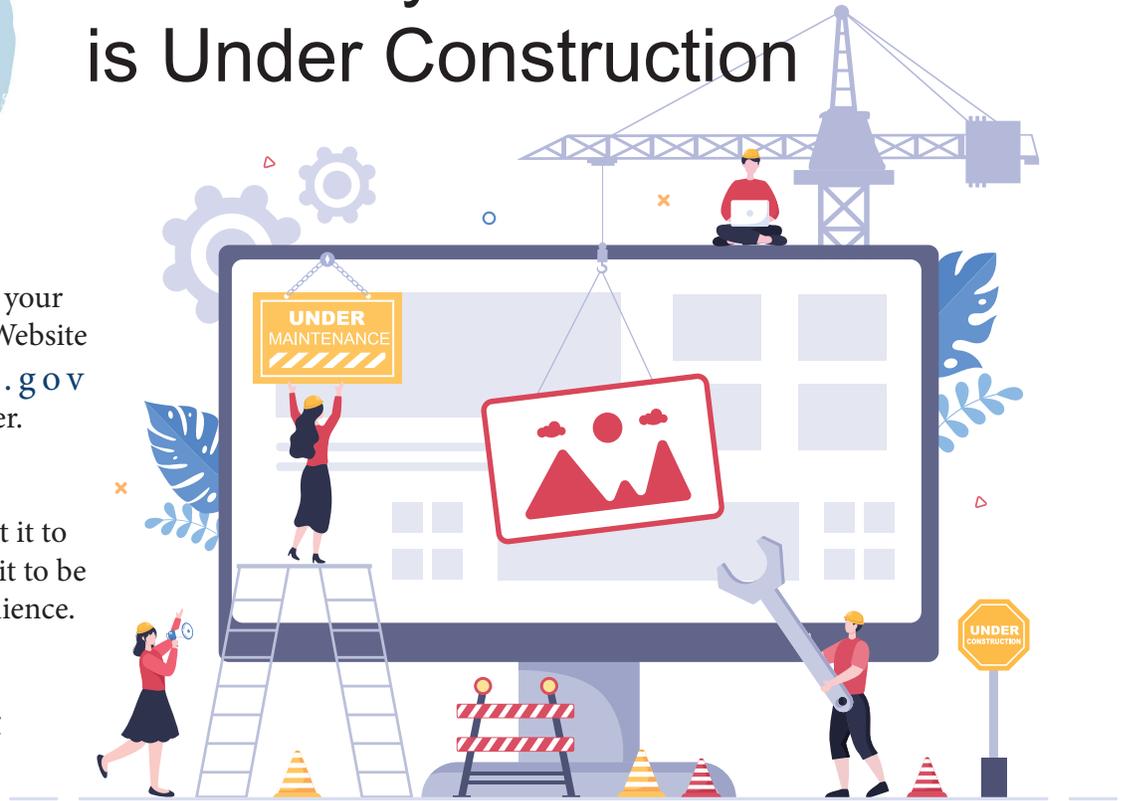


# The City Website is Under Construction

We would appreciate your  
patience as the City Website  
[whitewaterks.gov](http://whitewaterks.gov)  
undergoes a makeover.

It will take time to get it to  
be the site we dream it to be  
for everyone's convenience.

*Thank You*



## ELECTION RESULTS

### Remington USD 206 School Board

David Harder

Missy Green

Kendall Claassen

Stephanie Meyer

### City Council (Write-In) \*Pending Acceptance

Grant Bowlin

Dan Ravenscraft

Jeff Artman\*

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## Friends of the Library Giving Tree



Join the Friends in blessing the library with items on their wish list this holiday season!  
Scan the QR code above to look at their [Amazon Wish List](#) or visit the library starting Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> to pick an ornament off of the Giving Tree!  
When you give a gift to the Library you are giving a gift to your entire community!



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Tarina Gfeller,  
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Tomica Blocker, MD

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700 Medical Center Dr, Ste 150  
Newton Kansas 67114  
316-283-7100



# Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District



The Whitewater River CFD responded to 9 calls for service in the month of October. They included 5 medical calls, 3 vehicle accidents and a grass fire in our response area. One of the accidents at NW 150th Street and Butler Road involved the Whitewater River CFD, Butler County EMS, Newton Fire/EMS and EagleMed.

The Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District was involved in several activities on October 7th at the Frederic Remington Festival. We had several trucks in the parade, opened our door after the parade for visitors to see some of our equipment, CPR/AED Training, water games, provided medical standby at the ATV Rodeo and assisted with the fireworks display. Our First Responders also responded to two medical calls during the day's events.

As most know, the Butler County portion of the Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District, including Whitewater and Elbing will soon be receiving ambulance coverage from Butler County EMS. The cities of Whitewater and Elbing along with Milton and Fairmount Townships have contracted with Newton Fire/EMS for ambulance coverage for the past several decades. Due to events out of our control, the Butler County side of the fire district will fall back under Butler County EMS' response area.

The Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District has been diligently working on several issues to hopefully make the change over as smooth as possible on January 1, 2024. The Fire District has received new pagers, purchased with grant monies so we can receive pager notification from both Harvey and Butler County 911 Centers. Butler County EMS has also been providing our personnel with some medical training and some additional training for our EMTs and First Responders.

Butler County EMS Director Frank Williams was present at the Whitewater City Council Meeting on October 23rd to update the Council about the upcoming changes. Director Williams reported that we could see Butler County Ambulances driving through our Fire District occasionally prior to January 1 so the crews can get familiarized with the area. He also gave an update from Butler County 911 Communications at the request of Director Seglem who couldn't attend the meeting. The update included adding the response area information for Whitewater's Fire District and the ability to page WRCFD to their system.

Director Williams also mentioned Director Seglem wanted him to mention the "Reverse 911" System. The self-registration web address is: <https://www.bucoks.com/205/Reverse-9-1-1-Self-Registration>. By registering your phone number, Butler County 911 can send mass messages to your phone to alert you in case of emergencies in your immediate area. This service is used throughout the county for missing children, manhunts and other emergency situations when the public needs to know about their safety. The dispatcher can select a specific area that is affected and only send the alert to the phones registered in that area rather than county wide.

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.

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