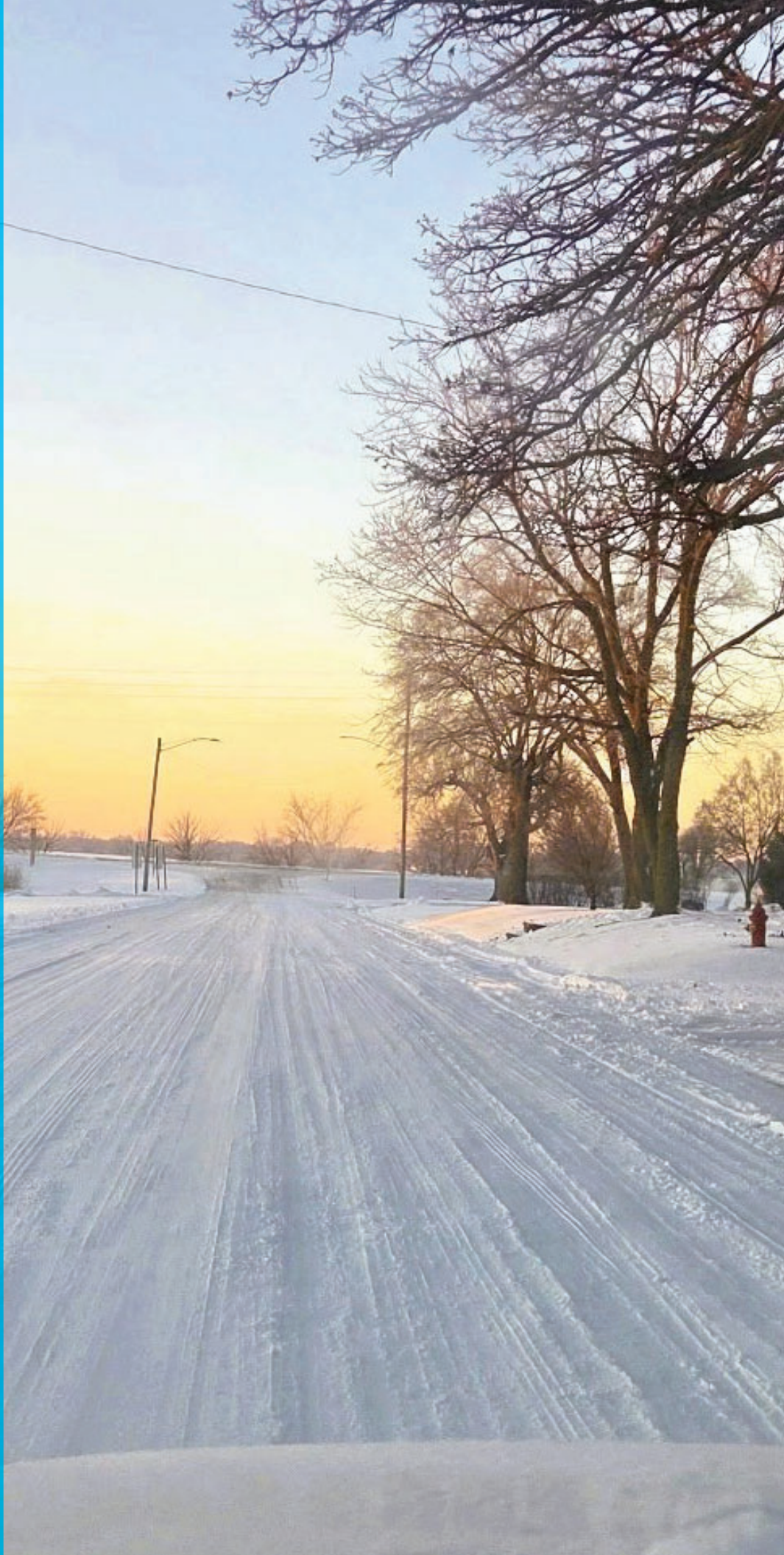


Whitewater



Community Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2026



February 1776:

The Continental Congress authorized privateers to attack British ships-America's first "navy" was basically licensed pirates who helped win our independence 250 years ago.



"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all."
— Emily Dickinson,
American poet (1830–1886)

WHITEWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
15	16 Fire Board Mtg. 7p @ Dist. Office HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CITY OFFICE CLOSED	17	18 WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	19	20	21
22	23 CITY COUNCIL Meeting, 7pm	24 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	25	26	27	28

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2 Friends of the Library 4:30p @ Library	3 Library Board Meeting 7p @ Library	4 WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	5	6	7
8	9 USD 206 Dist. Brd Mtg. 7p @ District Office	10 Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	11	12	13	14
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29	30	31				

Visit our website for more calendar events and up to date schedules and information.

WHITEWATERKS.GOV Submit Calendar and Newsletter information to: cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov



City Council Meeting Highlights from 1/26/26

Full minutes will be posted upon approval: whitewaterks.gov

- The governing body approved the December meetings minutes.
- Mayor Eldridge shared his focus on keeping a close eye on the city budget and ensuring transparency in how funds are used across departments, commissions, and boards. He also noted plans to attend a Government Day in Topeka on January 28.
- During his report, the Mayor outlined several current and future needs around the city, including a replacement truck for Public Works and analyze funding for Planning & Zoning as they begin training and work with Foster Design to update city regulations and maps.
- He also highlighted several projects on the 2026 list, including additional storage for the Scouts, lift station planning and engineering, restroom facilities near the Scout House, and updates to the Santa House. Mayor Eldridge encouraged the Governing Body to help prioritize these and other projects while exploring ways to involve the community in bringing them to life.
- Reports from Animal Control, Deputy Moore, City Treasurer, City Clerk and the City Superintendent were given.
- To replace the work truck lost in last year's deer collision, the Governing Body agreed to contribute an additional \$20,000-\$30,000 from the General Fund to combine with the current Equipment Fund resources.
- Dan Ravenscraft was appointed the council president by his council peers.
- Mayor Eldredge shared updates on city board appointments, confirming Mark Hill's nomination to Planning & Zoning to complete Mike Claassens' term. Kim Bartlett will remain on the Cemetery Board, Trent Bartlett has stepped down, and Jeff Artman has been appointed to fill the open seat. Parks & Recreation noted the departure of Darryl Hill and welcomed Lyndon Entz. The Library Board will meet during the first week of February.
- Two Ordinances (643 & 644) were passed and three Charter Ordinances (12, 13 and 14) were passed. They can be found on the website and/or published in the Butler County Times-Gazette newspaper.

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

Agenda Items: Charter Ordinance 15

All are welcome at City Council meetings.

Public Comment time is available at the beginning of each meeting;

Please keep it to 5 minutes per person when addressing the council.

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

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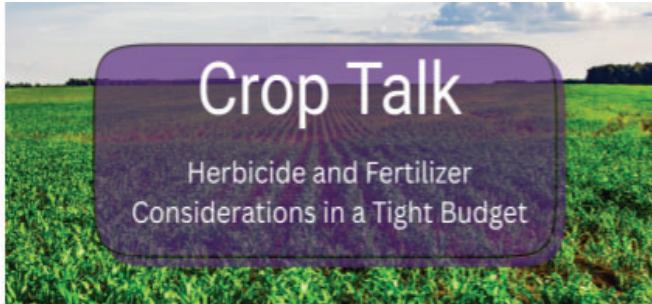
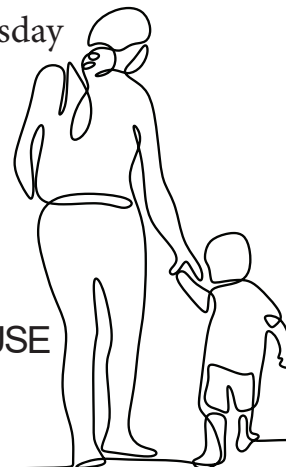
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ASIAN LONGHORNED TICK AND RANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Feb. 24th, 6:00 p.m.
Butler County 4-H/Community Bldg.
El Dorado, KS 67042

TOPICS

- Understanding Asian Longhorned ticks and management
- Pasture management for tick control

SPEAKERS

- Dr. A.J. Tarpoff, K-State Beef Extension Veterinarian
- Dr. Molly Reichenborn, K-State Range Management Extension Specialist
- Charlene Miller, Director/Ag Agent K-State Extension Butler County

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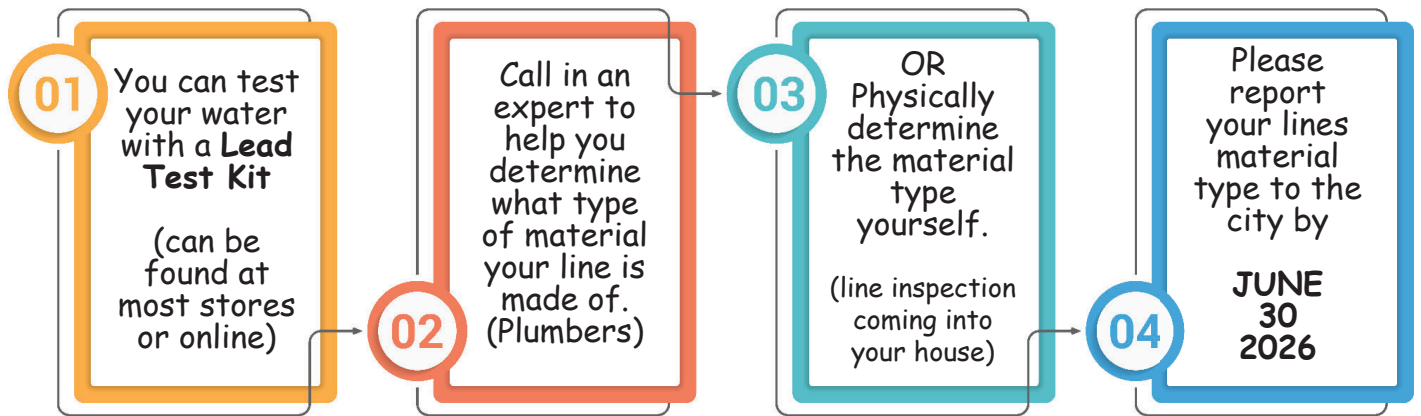
ATTENTION WHITEWATER PROPERTY OWNERS

Dear Whitewater Resident,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the KDHE, has REQUIRED all Public Water Supply systems to conduct a Lead Service Line Inventory of both the public and privately owned water services within our jurisdiction, (city utilities). During that survey time we had less than half of you respond. This information is required by the State of Kansas.

Please note: answering “UNKNOWN” is the same as NO RESPONSE.

Please know that the City of Whitewater currently & in the past has not had any lead issues within our water supply.



OBJECTIVE

The city aims to **COMPLETE** the “Lead and Copper Survey”. **Any lead, galvanized, or unknown service lines need to be identified and/or should be replaced to ensure compliance and public safety.**

Thank You

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU OR YOUR LANDLORD:

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Water Customer Name: _____ or Account #: _____	Year of water service line installation: _____
If you are a renter and cannot answer please provide the name and contact info for your LANDLORD: _____ _____	

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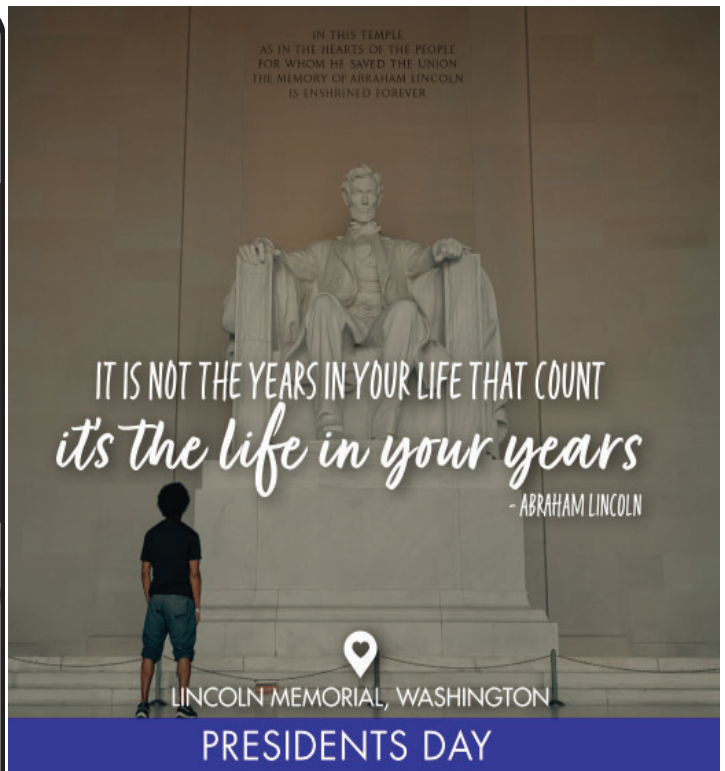
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we are also on Facebook

316-799-2740

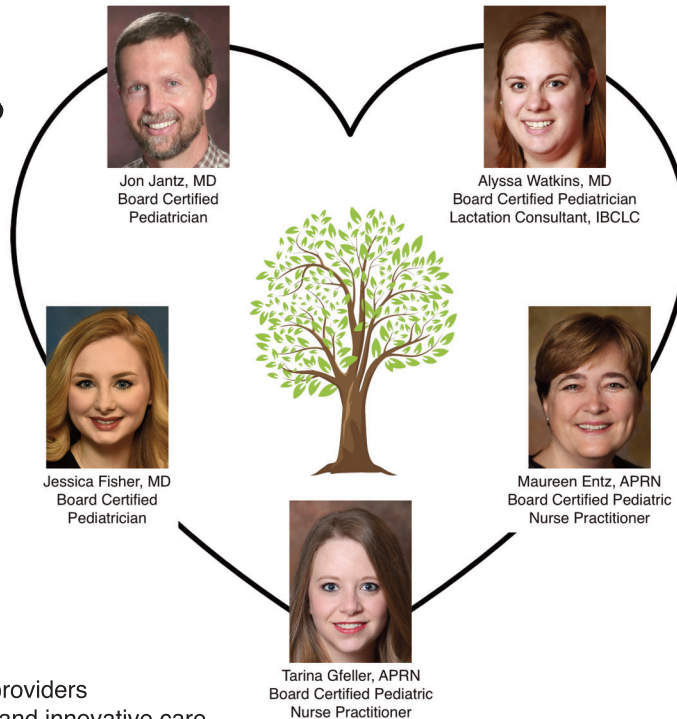


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MARCH 21ST

This event provides residents an opportunity to dispose of unwanted household items and help keep our community clean, safe, and beautiful. The City Wide Clean Up is a great time to clear out clutter, refresh your property, and work together to enhance the appearance of our neighborhoods.

Acceptable and non-acceptable item lists, collection procedures, and participation guidelines will be provided in the March Newsletter edition.

Your participation helps maintain community pride and environmental responsibility.
Thank you for doing your part to keep Whitewater clean!

2026



*Pet registration is open! Annual registration is required for all pets.
Proof of rabies vaccination and payment per animal are needed.*

WHITEWATER PET REGISTRATION

\$5 per fixed animals
\$10 per intact animals
Total: _____

OWNER INFORMATION: Owner Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Full forms can be found on the website and city office.

PET #1:

PET NAME: _____ **TAG:** _____ 2026 _____ 2027 _____ 2028 _____

SPECIES: ☐ DOG ☐ CAT ☐ OTHER: _____ **BREED:** _____ 2029 _____ 2030 _____ 2031 _____

COLOR / MARKINGS: _____ **PHOTO:** ☐ **AGE:** _____

SEX: ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ FIXED **RABIES VACCINE DOC (FROM VET):** ☐

RABIES RENEW DATE: _____ paid 2026 _____ paid 2027 _____ paid 2028 _____ paid 2029 _____ paid 2030 _____ paid 2031 _____

send documents, photos &
registration form/updates to:

cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov
or
animalcontrol@whitewaterks.gov

Payments submitted to the City Office
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Physical tags issued upon payment.

Frederic Remington Area Historical Society

Presents:

The John H. Adams Family



First Permanent Settlers of Plum Grove
presented by Rick McNary

Monday, March 2, 2026
7 P.M.

Centre Point Church, Whitewater
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HISTORY HIGHLIGHTED Milton Township

There are 29 Townships in Butler County, Kansas. Generally, a township is a block six miles square or 36 square miles; one square mile equaling one Section, containing 640 acres. Thus, one Section contains four Quarters of 160 acres each. Township and Range numbers for our area begin at the intersection of the 40th North Latitude (the Kansas/Nebraska state line) and the 6th Prime Meridian (Meridian Street in both Newton and Wichita). From that point, townships of the Remington School District are south and east. The sections of a township are numbered contiguously from 1 to 36 beginning in the northeast corner.



In 1868, Milton C. Snorf moved to the area and settled in the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 24, South, Range 3, East, Butler County, Kansas. This description was established by surveyors in the 1850s but there was no organization of the township at the time. On January 6, 1873, a petition was filed for a new township to be organized for the legal description of Township 24, South, Range 3, East. The petition was granted and an election held for township officers and trustees.

Milton Snorf was identified as the first settler within township 24 and so the organized township was so named.

The first Post Office in Milton Township was Holden in 1871. It was located on section 18, the north edge of current Whitewater. It was moved a few years later to section 8, just northeast of Whitewater. The Post Office was moved to Brainerd in 1886. The first two post offices were not associated with any town, only a central location to send and receive mail.



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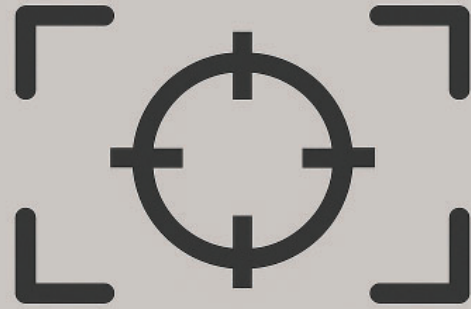
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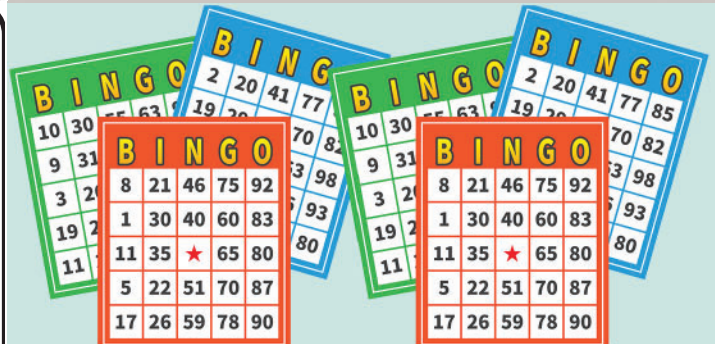
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2026 SCHEDULE

~~January 3 & 17~~

February 21

March 7 & 21

April 4 & 18

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As your City Clerk, I would like to take a moment to thank our residents who have already signed up for the City of Whitewater's Notifications/News & Alerts system through our website, whitewaterks.gov. Your willingness to stay informed helps me share important information with you more quickly and effectively, and I truly appreciate it.

If you ever wondered whether signing up is worth it, January gave us a great real-life example. Due to a system error, over 170 utility accounts were incorrectly charged for a certain trash service option. Residents who were subscribed to Notifications & Alerts received a message from me right away explaining the error, letting them know the issue had been corrected, and providing simple instructions to subtract \$14.19 from their bill total before paying. Quick, easy, and no detective work required.

For residents who had already paid the incorrect higher amount, I ensured that the \$14.19 difference will be applied as a credit to their next billing cycle.

Unfortunately, residents who were not subscribed may not have received that information in real time. While I do my best to share information through newsletters and other channels, sometimes city news moves faster than a monthly publication (and occasionally faster than my coffee cools down).

I also use this alert system to share important updates such as sewer cleaning schedules, street work, snow removal reminders, and other time-sensitive notices. It allows residents to know what is happening in the city as it happens, rather than hearing about it after the fact.

I encourage all residents to visit whitewaterks.gov and sign up for News & Alerts by clicking the 'Subscribe' button. You will be able to sign up for email or text notifications; or both if you would like. It is one of the easiest ways to stay informed, avoid surprises on bills, and keep up with city services and projects.

Thank you again to everyone who has already subscribed and helps me keep communication strong within our community.

Anne Morrow, your city clerk



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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

It's GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME! Buy your cookies from area Girl Scouts at the library Saturday, February 21 and 28, 10 am - 1 pm.

Next time it snows look no further than your library for snow sleds.
 Check out 2 x 35" sleds and 2 x 48" sleds!

SPRING BREAK EVENTS scheduled for March 16 - 20.
 Watch for more info on FB and the library website.

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 Student Assistant: Clara Stoesz

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Whitewater Library



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Schedule Details

Games Week of April 20th: 1st-6th grade baseball/softball, 7th/8th baseball

Games Week of May 4th: 7th-9th grade softball

Practices: You will be contacted by your team's coach in March.

Why Join?

- ✓ Fun & teamwork
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Questions: Text/Email Elizabeth Herbel
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🍪 ⚡ GIRL SCOUTS COOKIE BOOTH — 2026! ⚡ 🍪

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📍 Cookie Booth Details

Dates: Saturday February 21 & 28, 2026

Time: 10AM-1PM

Location: Whitewater Memorial Library

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👤 Who Can Join?

- ✓ Any girl in Grades K-4
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🌸 What Girls Do in Girl Scouts

- ⚡ Learn leadership & teamwork
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- ⚡ Build friendships
- ⚡ Make a difference in the community

📅 Troop Information

Troop Number: 30598

Meeting Day/Time: Weekly on Thursdays 6-7 p.m.

Meeting Location: Whitewater Scout House

📞 Want to Join or Learn More?

Contact Name: Elizabeth Herbel, Troop Leader

Phone / Email: 316-213-8160/Elizabeth.herbel@yahoo.com



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

By Natalie Worrell

The December Meeting of the North Butler 4-H Club was held on December 8 at Emmaus Church at 7pm. Pledges were led by Julia Amend and Hope McLaughlin. Song Leader Hope McLaughlin led the song. The program started with a Project Talk by Natalie Worrell on Recycling Pinecones. Kiera Yabrough did a project talk about all of her Drawings. Next Julia Amend did a demonstration on how to make a pie crust. Lastly Cora Brackenridge did a demonstration on how to make protein bites. To end the evening, recreation was put on by the Parent Committee and was a club gift exchange.

The January Meeting of the North Butler 4-H Club was held on January 12 at Emmaus Church at 7pm. Pledges were led by Carson Brackenridge and Garrett Regier. 13 members answered the question of "What is my Dream Car?" for roll call. Song Leader Hope McLaughlin led the club in "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". The program started with Opal Regier doing a Show n Tell about her Barbie with her Dad who brought his pliers. Next was a Project Talk by Hadley Miller who talked about the correct way to take a good photograph. Kira Yabrough then demonstrated how to create the color black without using black colored pencils. To wrap up the night, the club played capture the flag and had refreshments.

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