



Potwin PRIDE Survey

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Quality of Life Survey - 2025

Surveys returned: 74, electronically and by paper in April 2025.

1. Are you familiar with Potwin PRIDE, Inc. and the **community improvements projects**? **78%**
2. Are you familiar with the Ken Whittington Memorial **Plant a Row for the Hungry community garden** and access to vegetables? **89%**
3. Are you aware that there is a **Bread of Life Community food pantry at the Potwin Christian Church** open to those in need of food on Thursday afternoon? **76%**
4. Are you familiar with the **city-wide garage sales** the second week of June? **97%**
5. Are you familiar with the **National Night Out ice cream social** the first Tuesday in October? **88%**
6. Are you aware there is a **city-wide clean-up day** in June? **92%**
7. Are you aware of the **Watermelon Festival, ball tournament, and car show** the 4th Saturday in August? **97%**

How long have you lived in Potwin?

Less than 5 years **15** **21%**

5-10 years **11** **15%**

11-20 years **10** **14%**

21-50 years **24** **33%**

Over 50 years **13** **18%**

N=73

People in your family fall into the following age categories:

0-17	24	14%	
18-24	10	6%	
25-45	31	19%	
46-64	27	16%	
65-74	20	12%	
75-84	0	0%	
Over 85	54	33%	N=166

Where do those in your household work?

In Potwin or within 2 miles

7 8%

3-20 Miles

18 22%

greater than 20 miles

26 31%

Retired

26 31%

Not Employed

6 7%

N=83

Which of the following reasons were important to you when you originally became a resident of Potwin?

I have lived here all my life	11%
Near employment	13%
Reasonable Cost of Living	18%
Quality of Schools	13%
Uncongested Areas	12%
To be near family	22%
Other	11%

N= 139 (more than one answer could be chosen)

How often do you or your family use King Park, Community House Park, or playground equipment at the ballfield?

1-2 times per week	12%	
1-2 times per month	4%	
a few times a year	40%	
Not at all	44%	N= 68

Which of the following would you use if we had them in Potwin?

Walking Trail	55%	
Pickle Ball Court	13%	
Splash Pad	33%	N=95

Which days of the week would you like to visit the library?

Monday	20%
Tuesday	15%
Wednesday	19%
Thursday	14%
Friday	14%
Saturday	17%

N= 105

What is the most convenient time for you to visit the library?

9am to noon	20%	
1-4 pm	22%	
4-7 pm	47%	
After 7 pm	11%	N= 76

- 16. Are you aware that the Potwin Public Library provides a summer reading program for children's activities during June? **62%**
- 17. Did you know the Potwin Public library offers Family Adventure Passes for local attractions such as Sedgwick County Zoo, Botanica, Tanganyika, Cowtown, etc.? **39%**
- 18. Did you know about the mobile veterinarian that came to Potwin or the cat clinic to help reduce the number of feral and community cats in Potwin? **70%**

N= 68, 67, 69

19. What is your satisfaction with the following Potwin Services?

Fire Protection	92% are satisfied or very satisfied	0% are neutral
Law Enforcement	68% are satisfied or very satisfied,	10% are neutral
Streets	48% are satisfied or very satisfied,	4% are neutral
Sidewalks	61% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied	10% are neutral
Animal Control	59% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied	7% are neutral
Town Cleanliness	48% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied	9% are neutral
Housing	47% are satisfied or very satisfied,	18% are neutral
Parks	56% are satisfied or very satisfied,	9% are neutral
Recreation Activities	50% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied	14% are neutral
Quality of Life	76% are satisfied or very satisfied,	12% are neutral

First Impressions



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- Cunningham applied for First Impressions.
- Visitors were trained on what to look for during their visits and how to fill out their assessment reports.
- Three visitors came on 3 dates in October.
(Monday & two Fridays)
- Photos taken December 9, 2025; a few on Sept 11.
- Results presented on March 26, 2026.
- Potwin uses the results for further discussion and action plans.

Community Feedback:

How does a first-time visitor view my town?

Evaluate successes,

Set goals and priorities for next steps.



Curiosity: A strong desire to know or learn something.

-Oxford Living Dictionary

Why: First Impressions?

- **If you don't agree with the observation:**

Be curious:

Why does the visitor see it this way?

Is the observation worth considering?

What can we do to change it– or the perception?

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-Oxford Living Dictionary



We need to change the narrative about rural.

**Ben Winchester,
Senior Research Fellow,
U of MN**



*Ben was our guest on the
First Friday e-Calls.*

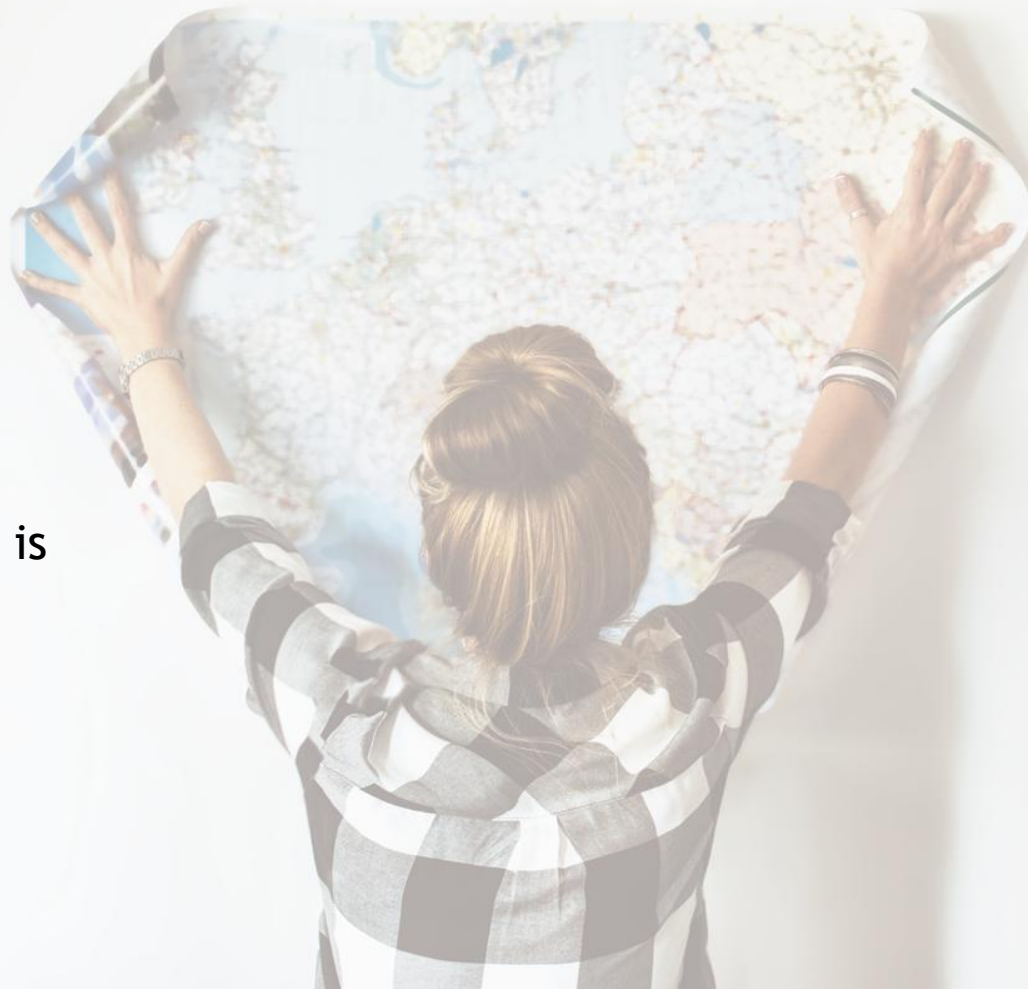
See the recordings at:

<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/program-areas/supporting-communities/first-friday-ecalls/>



People research a number of places before they move to a rural town.

Rural is in the middle of *everywhere*.



Brain Gain
(30-49 year olds
moving to rural) is
a “new trend”
that has been
happening since
the 70’s

Approximately 14% of Kansans moved during the previous year.



Communities can work together to attract newcomers and create quality of life for everyone.

- Simpler pace of life,
- Safety and security,
- Affordable housing,
- Outdoor recreation,
- Quality schools

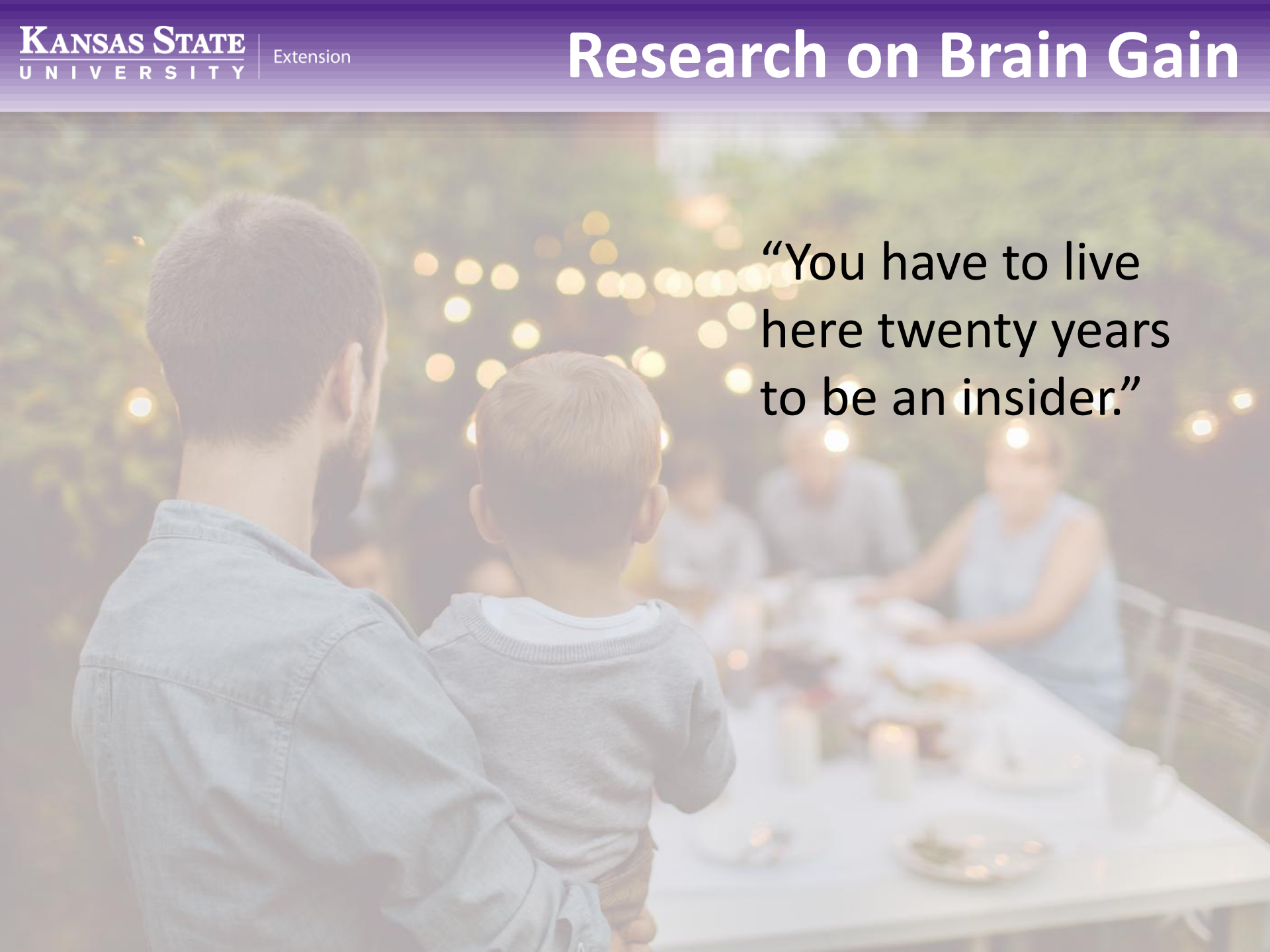
“A job” isn’t in the top 10 reasons.

Research on Brain Gain

“In small towns everyone knows each other.”

false

Get to know each other, invite them to a newcomers' meal.


A photograph of a man and a young boy in the foreground, seen from behind, looking towards a group of people dining at an outdoor table at night. The scene is illuminated by warm, glowing string lights, creating a bokeh effect in the background. The man is wearing a denim shirt, and the boy is wearing a grey sweater. The dining table is set with white plates, glasses, and silverware. The overall atmosphere is warm and social.

“You have to live here twenty years to be an insider.”

A photograph of a man and a young boy in the foreground, seen from behind, looking towards a group of people sitting at a table outdoors at night. The scene is illuminated by warm, glowing string lights, creating a bokeh effect in the background. The man is wearing a light blue denim shirt, and the boy is wearing a grey sweater. The people at the table are out of focus, but a woman in a light blue sleeveless top is visible. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting.

Welcome!
We're glad you're here

Research on Brain Gain

A photograph of a man and a young boy standing together, looking out over a town square at night. The man is on the left, wearing a denim shirt, and the boy is on the right, wearing a grey sweater. They are both looking towards a table set for a meal in the foreground, which is out of focus. In the background, there are trees and a string of warm white lights hanging across the square. The overall atmosphere is warm and community-oriented.

If you bring 4 people to a 400-person town every year, in 10 years you'll have a 10% increase.

75% of rural homeowners are Baby Boomers and older. 30% are over 75.

Housing will be freed up as the baby boomers retire and move closer to medical services.

Rural communities need retirement housing (not nursing facilities, but maintenance free) to retain seniors.





Data

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- 2024 KS Certified Population: 413 ↓ 5% since 2015
- 2015 KS Certified Population: 436
- Median household income: \$40,391* \$72,639
- High school or GED 92% * 91.9%
- At least a B.S. Degree 15% * 35.2%
- Median Age: 44.4 * 37.2 years
- Persons 65 and Over 27% * 17%

(Source: Census.gov; State of Kansas Div of Budget)

* Margin of error is at least 10 percent of the total value. Take care with this statistic.

Blue: Kansas Comparison Data

- **Poverty rate**

(% of people below poverty line)

23.4% *

11.5%

Race/Ethnicity

White: 78% *

Black: 0%

Asian: 0%

Other: 0%

Not Hispanic or Latino: 98% *

American Indian: 2% *

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific
Islander: 0%

Two or more races: 18% *

Hispanic or Latino: 2% *

**In Potwin, 5% of the population moved since last year.
In Kansas, 14.8%**

What would it take to attract them to Potwin?



Social Media & Website

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Website: <https://potwinks.com/>

- Was the first listing on the page.



The City of Potwin is excited to announce that will be implementing a new customer porta

Our NEW customer portal allows customers to eas manage their utility accounts, monitor usage, view bill enroll in Paperless, Autopay or Text to Pay. We are so e to introduce our new bill payment system! Nexbillpay many of the incredible features ou residents have b

- Website was very well put together with accurate information.
- There was a tab for each entity of Potwin which had information about the projects they are working on.
- Local businesses are listed, schools, groups.
- Especially:
 - Old People's Day
 - Watermelon Fest
 - Paint the town- which seemed to be citizens helping to paint exteriors of homes.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/potwinkansas>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579844039794>



Potwin, Kansas

Government Organization · 3 Reviews · 207 N Randall, Potwin, KS · **Open now** · 871 followers

1 friend following

Follow



Potwin Kansas · Follow

August 24, 2025 · 🌐

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Welcome to the official new City of Potwin Facebook page! The purpose of this page is to supplement our city website, which is currently in the process of being updated.

👍❤️ 3

👍 Like

💬 Comment

🔗 Share

Facebook

- I was confused about why there are two Facebook accounts.
- Once I got on the right FB account, it is updated with current information
- As of March 16, 2026, the most recent post is December 12, 2025.



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119 followers • 2 following
City of Potwin Official Facebook Page
City Infrastructure

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Details
Not yet rated (0 Reviews)
Closed now
207 N Randall, Potwin, KS, United States, 67123

Links
potwinks.com

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(620) 752-3422
whest177@wheatstate.com
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Featured
Potwin Kansas
August 24, 2025
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Photos See all photos
Nusser Fuels - Potwin is ranked #1 in Butler County
otwin Town Hall Business & Community Conversation
Monday, October 20, 2025
National Night Out
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
at Dogs, Ice Cream & Cak
5:30 P.M.
Community Shelter House
200 S. 34th St

Posts Filters
Potwin Kansas
December 12, 2025
From the City of Potwin, we're super proud of our local Potwin Nusser's Fuel for being ranked #1 Convenience Store in Butler County!!
🎉Congratulations 🎉... See more

Congratulations!
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Potwin



5-Minute Impression

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- The homes were quaint, but many were dilapidated.
- The Community House and each church had fresh flowers in pots, which were nice.
- There was a “welcome to Potwin” sign from two entrances that gave a directory of offerings.

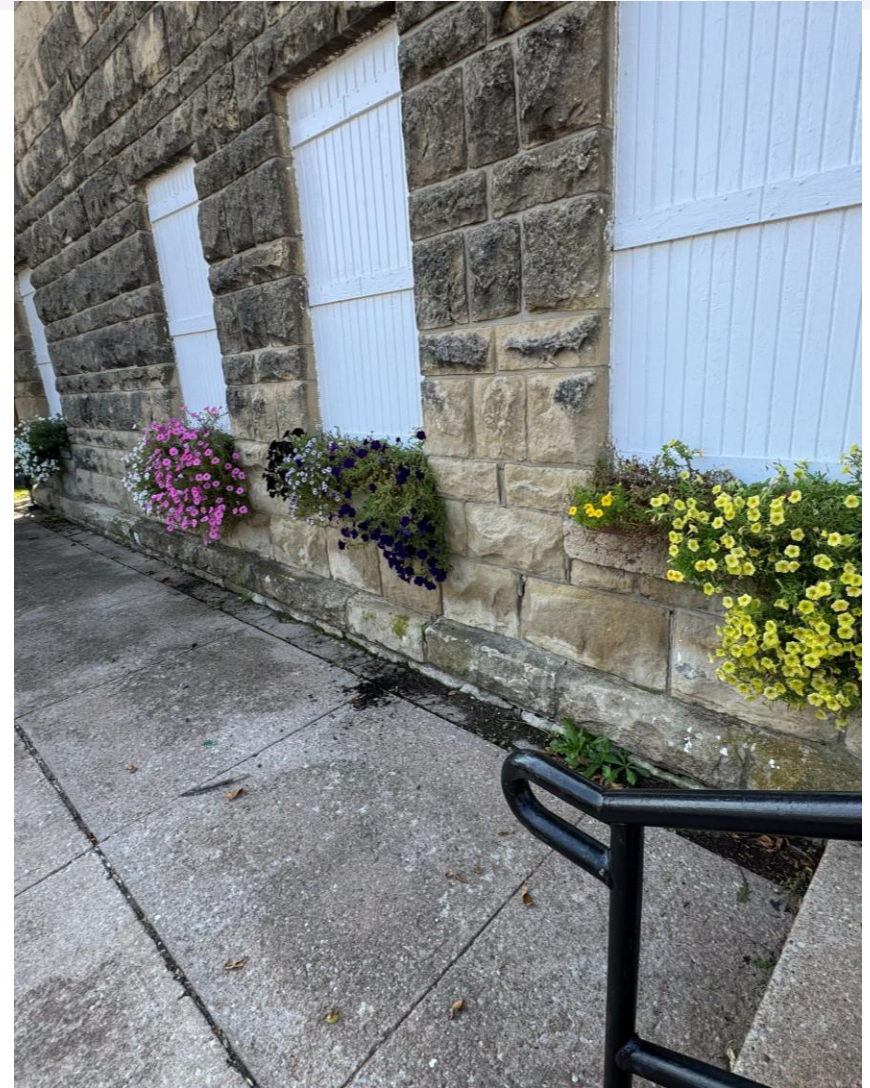


Photo by Jan Steen 9-11-2025

- Overgrown trees that hang into the streets.
- Many stray cats roaming through town.





Downtown Business Area

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- The post office was a neat historic building with a lot of character.
- The postmaster was informative and friendly.
- The message board provided good information.



Announcement Board by the Post Office included information about when CF Cookers was open, businesses for hire, and community events.



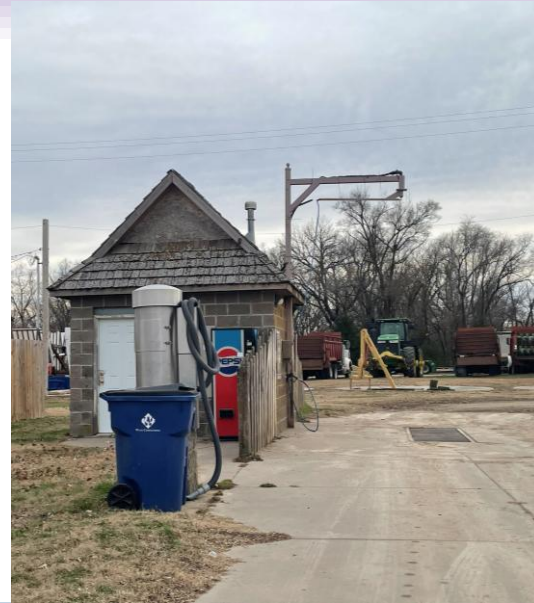
We knew this was a law office because of the city website, but it was closed during our visit.





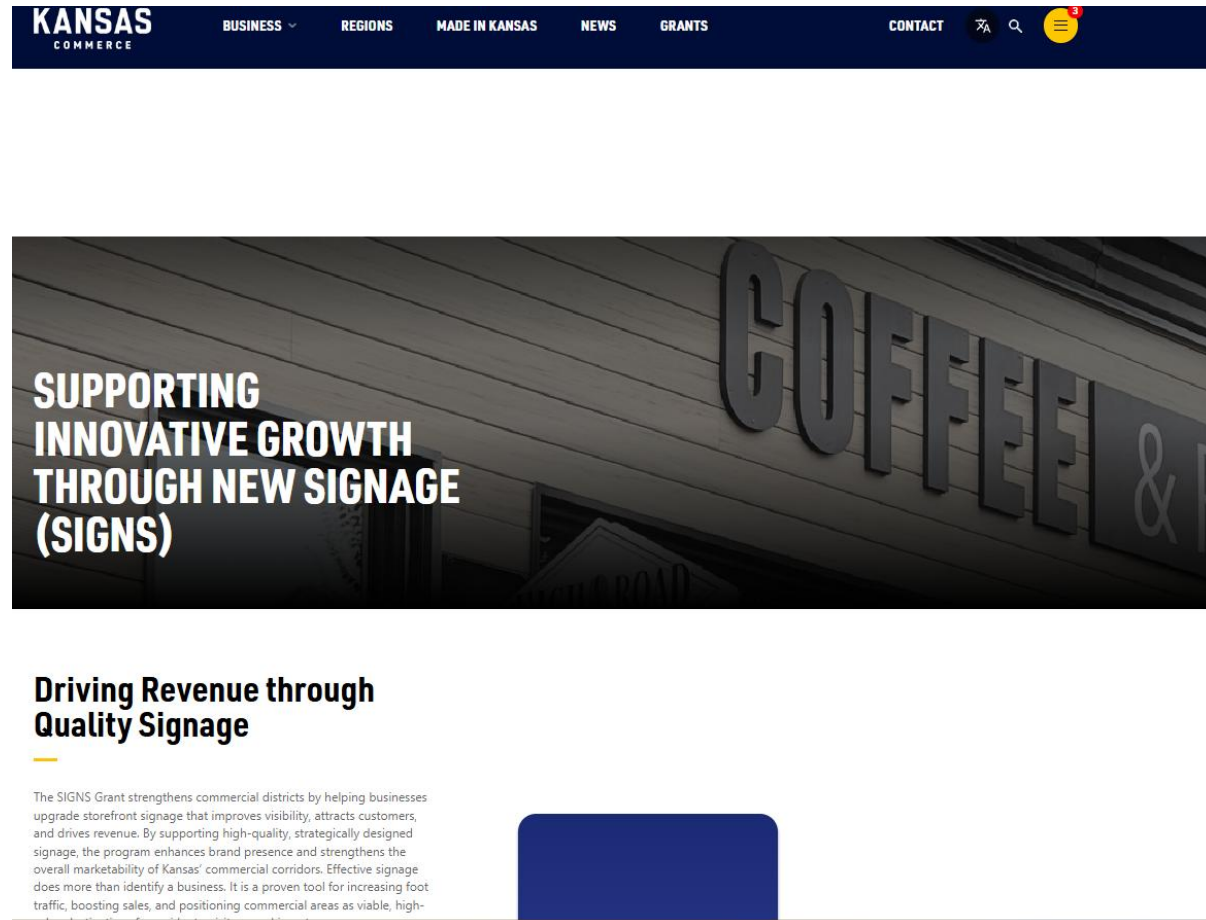
It's difficult to tell if downtown buildings are open or available for other uses.





Kansas Dept of Commerce SIGNS Grant opened on January 1 and closed Feb 28.

City or foundation applicant:
Supports 3-5 business signs with walk-in clients who purchase goods and services.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Kansas Dept of Commerce website. The navigation menu includes: BUSINESS, REGIONS, MADE IN KANSAS, NEWS, GRANTS, CONTACT, a search icon, and a notification icon with a red '3'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of a storefront with the word 'COFFEE' in large, raised letters. Overlaid on the left side of the banner is the text: **SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE GROWTH THROUGH NEW SIGNAGE (SIGNS)**. Below the banner is a section titled **Driving Revenue through Quality Signage** with a yellow underline. The text below the title reads: 'The SIGNS Grant strengthens commercial districts by helping businesses upgrade storefront signage that improves visibility, attracts customers, and drives revenue. By supporting high-quality, strategically designed signage, the program enhances brand presence and strengthens the overall marketability of Kansas' commercial corridors. Effective signage does more than identify a business. It is a proven tool for increasing foot traffic, boosting sales, and positioning commercial areas as viable, high-

On City Website,
“Santa at the 4-
Way” is sponsored
by the Lions Club.



Emprise Bank is well-maintained. We saw people going in and out.

What is upstairs?





Downtown Amenities, Parking & More

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- Our report asks about public restrooms. Few cities have them, but a little signage would make us aware of those available outdoors and in the library.

Events like Watermelon Festival, Old People's Day, and Biker Sundays would benefit!



Photo by Jan Steen 9-11-2025

- Visitors noted Nusser was the only place to spend money when they were there.
- They spent \$50.



- Nusser's staff was very friendly and the establishment was clean. I was impressed with all the items this little convenient store had to offer. It was more like a small grocery store.
- We heard there was an antique store we could shop at if we called the phone number, but we didn't see a phone number. The windows were covered so we couldn't even see in.
- Google Maps referred to a Fireworks store, but there wasn't a sign in October



Industrial Parks Commercial

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We weren't sure about an Industrial Park, but we saw several candidates.



A drive-by is not how industry will find you, check with your local Eco Devo director to make sure your site is listed on LocationOne @ Kansas Department of Commerce.

Observation:

- “Entrepreneurs who choose to start their small businesses are responsible for 53 percent of net new jobs created in the United States every year.”
- Global marketing makes your town accessible to purchases all over the world.



Health Care Services

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- There are EMS services attached to the Potwin Fire Department.



They are working to build a building to store a ladder truck donated to them. It will be helpful to fight taller structures.



- Residents go to El Dorado, Newton, or Wichita for health care services.
- Google Maps thinks there is Home Health services

Suggestion:

Make a tab for health care and note the number of minutes it takes to travel to those locations.

Newton Medical Center: 30 minutes

El Dorado Hospital: 20 minutes

Wichita Via Christi: 35 minutes



Housing

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- I saw one house for sale in December.
- Visitors saw one house for sale in October.
- One Cunningham visitor was the city property officer and was concerned about the dilapidated homes, overgrown trees, tall grass, and abandoned vehicles.



- October visitors saw a home for sale with a hole in its roof.
- It's a challenge to keep the community looking nice without code enforcement.
- “Paint the Town” is on the city website.
- Visitors were not aware of any rental properties.

Consider putting a list of landlords on the city website.

Paint the Town

“Paint the Town” is an organization that thrives on the concept of “neighbors helping neighbors”. In it’s first year two senior citizen’s homes were painted as well as the Community House.



Kansas

- Occupied Housing Units: 248*
- Owner Occupied: 88 % * 65.3%
- Renter Occupied: 12 % * 34.7%
- Vacant Housing Units: 16 (6%) *
 - For rent: 0
 - For sale: 0
 - Sold, not occupied: 0
 - Seasonal/recreational: 5 *
 - All other vacants: 11 *
- Average Household Size: 2.32* 2.48

* Margin of error is at least 10 percent of the total value. Take care with this statistic.

Blue = Kansas Comparison Data
Data Source: MySidewalk, Census.gov

Kansas

• Average Travel Time to Work:	27 mins	19.6 mins
• Households without a computer device*:	15 (6%)	3.8%
• Households without an internet subscription:	13 (5%)	9.2%

* Includes smartphones, tablets, other wireless devices

Blue = Kansas Comparison Data

Data Source: MySidewalk, Census.gov

Housing Assessment Tool (HAT)

<https://www.kansascommerce.gov/housing/>



K-State Housing TransDisciplinary Team (TDT)

Email: ksecv@ksu.edu

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Housing Resources in Kansas

For additional funding information, visit the Housing Resources in Kansas page at www.kansascommerce.gov/housing.

DEVELOPERS						
Program	Type	Eligible Grantees	Description / Eligible Activities	Award Max.	Dates	Contact
Startup Housing Opportunity Venture Loan (SHOVL) KDC	Loan	Developers	Funds developer expenses prior to the closing of permanent financing for housing development in communities under 10,000	\$25k	Ongoing (Subject to funding availability)	Kerri Falletti Kerri.Falletti@ks.gov
Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (RHID) KDC	Reimbursement	Developers	Aids developers in building housing by financing housing development infrastructure, renovations of buildings over 25 years old in central business districts, or infill housing. RHID captures incremental increase in property taxes created by housing development projects for up to 25 years.	Varies	Ongoing	Robert North Robert.North@ks.gov Questions: Kerri Falletti Kerri.Falletti@ks.gov
Affordable Housing Program (AHP) FHLB	Grant	For-profit entities/ Developers	Finance the purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of owner-and rental-occupied housing for low- or moderate-income households through subsidized advances and direct subsidies.	\$1.5 million	Application Period July 1 – Aug. 15	Dustie Humphreys dustie.humphreys@ fhlbtopeka.com
Kansas Historic Tax Credits SHPO	Tax Credit	Developers	Offered for qualified rehabilitation projects on properties listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places.	Varies	Ongoing	SHPO Staff ksks.taxcredits@ks.gov
Rural Rental Housing Program USDA-RD	Loan	Developers	Provides financing for affordable multi-family rental housing for low-income, elderly, or disabled individuals and families in eligible rural areas. Eligible activities include buying and improving land and infrastructure.	Varies	Ongoing	Midwest Regional Mailbox MFHFODMidwest@usda.gov



Schools

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- Potwin has the Elementary school for USD 206.
- It serves Pre-K and grades K-4.
- It appears to be well-maintained.



- The PotwinKs.com website has the name and address of each school. It does not link directly to the school website.
- The USD 206 website is professional and well-organized and focuses on information based on the needs of current students and staff.
- There are no photos to help us picture the activities and fun students enjoy at this school.

RES Calendar*

(Beta, viewed in Chrome)

Mar - Aug 2026

- 18 MAR, WED
 - No School - Spring Break (Day 3/5)
- 19 MAR, THU
 - No School - Spring Break (Day 4/5)
- 20 MAR, FRI
 - No School - Spring Break (Day 5/5)
- 2 APR, THU
 - 2:30 - RES Easter Parties
- 3 APR, FRI
 - No School - Good Friday
- 6 APR, MON
 - No School - Comp Day for Conferences
- 13 APR, MON
 - 7pm BOE Meeting @ DO
- 24 APR, FRI
 - 1st Grade Field Trip
 - 4th Grade Poetry Cafe
- 1 MAY, FRI
 - Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up - No Kindergarten or Prek students

GMT-05

Subscribe: If you have a Google Account, click on the +Google Calendar at the bottom right of the calendar.

*Times are always current when viewed in Chrome browser. If using another browser, they may appear off when viewing ahead into the next CDT or CDT. Apologies for the inconvenience.

March 2026 Lunch Menu



March 2026 Breakfast Menu

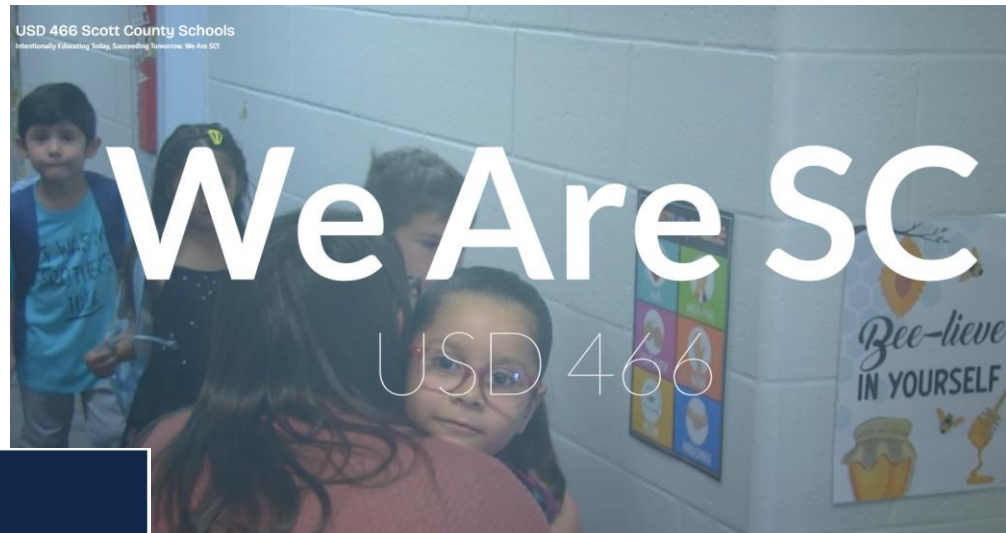


2025-2026 RES School Supply List

If we scroll down 3 times, we will see small photos with great stories.
 “Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Thornburg’s first graders are over the moon about science!

🌙 After learning about moon phases, they modeled each phase using Oreos—twisting, scraping, and creating their own tasty lunar cycles. Hands-on learning (with a sweet treat!) makes it stick! 🍪 ✨”

“Potential Students” are an audience for your website.



On the front page, Scott County Schools gives a good description of the types of school settings (traditional classroom or multiple teachers with electives.) and awards received.



Childcare

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Comments:

We found no information about childcare.

Butler County Data:

- **Extent Desired Capacity meets Potential Childcare need: 39%**
- Contact ks.childcareaware.org to access local childcare specialists.
785-823-3343



Faith & Religion

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Faith/Religion

Potwin has a Christian and Methodist Church. They both appeared very well cared for. Clean, well-painted. There were planted flowerpots outside in October



We did not see any evidence of faith activities.



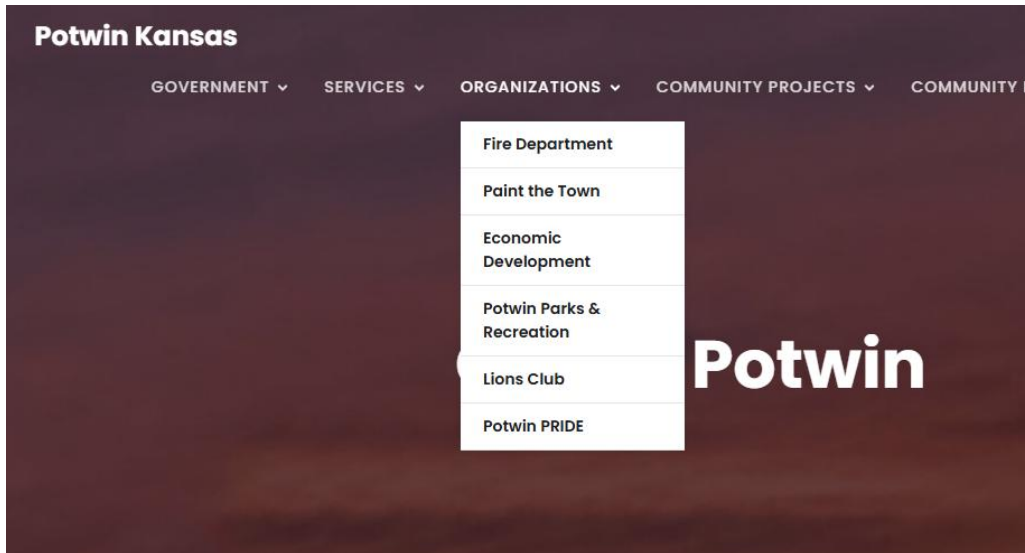


Civic Organizations

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- The website shows Lions Club, PRIDE, and Paint the Town
- September photos show a Golden Age Club.



- Lions Club puts on an **Easter Egg Hunt** which was seen from pictures on Potwin KS Facebook Page, also along with **Santa at the 4-way Stop.**
- Pride has a **city-wide garage sale, a national night out, and yard of the month!** The National Night Out looked very successful, bringing the Butler County Sheriff's Department out to talk to Community members and serve hot dogs and ice cream.
- We witnessed the **yard of the month** it was something we spotted right off in our first initial drive through!

- We also noticed the **community garden** right off the bat in our first initial drive through, which I think is a great idea, bringing fresh produce to those that may not be able to afford and provide healthy options to people. While also giving some, the opportunity to get outside in the fresh air to work and take care of the garden.
- **Paint The Town** is a group of citizens going around and painting homes that need paint. They just recently painted the community house and park shelter which looks really nice and clean. I think this is a great idea to help those in need or the elderly. Its helping citizens out and cleaning up the town at the same time which makes your city look more attractive to people!

- An amazing list of events for a city of 400.
- Biker Sundays in August, September and October need to be updated for 2026.
The Fire Department serves breakfast to make money.

Other Community Events

City Wide Garage Sales held on 2nd Friday & Saturday in June

City Wide Clean Up

National Night Out

Yard of the Month

Community Garden

Easter Egg Hunt – this event is held the Saturday before Easter

Santa at the 4-Way – December

Photos of these events would be fun on the city website.



Public Infrastructure & Services

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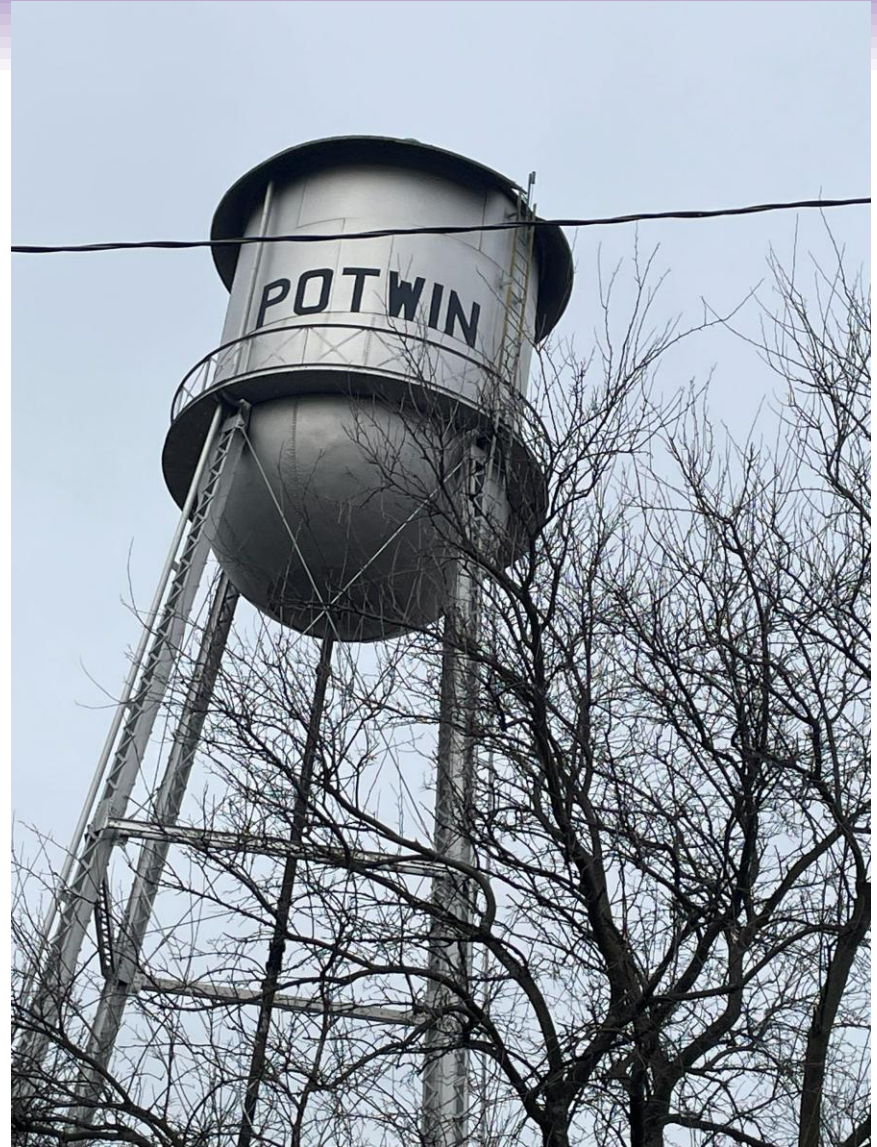
Streets and Sidewalks

- Streets, signage, parking, lighting, restrooms, landscaping and streetscapes were adequate for a town of your size.
- **Unique to you:** fire hydrant paint schemes.
- **Suggestions for Improvement:**
 - Overgrown trees and shrubs in the right of ways.
 - Dip in the street on Circle Drive, which seemed dangerous.
 - Walking options were suggested near the river if it was cleared of brush.



High quality water is important for a city.

Congratulations to the City Council and thanks to the Department of Commerce for investing in the 1914 Water Tower Repair.



UPDATE!

City Receives \$225,044 Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) from Ks. Dept. of Commerce for Water Tower repair!



L-R – Council members Tonya Taber, Chris Oberst, Jim Howell, Glen Silbaugh, Christine McNary, Mayor Heath Austin

A special thanks to the patience and fortitude of the Potwin City Council to land this grant to repair the water tower.

An additional thanks goes out to our state legislators, Rep. Will Carpenter and Sen. Mike Fagg for their tireless work in making sure Potwin received the help they needed.

Great news! The City Council and City staff applied for three different grants, two of which they have won. These will pay for almost all of the repair on the water tower which was just a bit south of \$300K.

(Incidentally, they have applied for three different grants and if the third grant comes through, it will pay for ALL of the repairs!)

The first is the Community Block Development Grant (DCGB) award from the Kansas Department of Commerce. That grant would still have required us to come up with \$68K dollars in matching funds. However, a Technical Assistance Grant also came through from the Kansas Water Office for around \$52K dollars, so the City (citizens) of Potwin will only have to cough up around \$16K dollars. This only includes the water tower repair and not partial replacement of water lines which was part of the original conversation that began two years ago.

- City Hall was kind and helpful in answering our questions. They sent us home with the Potwin Centennial Book and a Potwin Ledger.
- City Hall welcomed us with open arms. It was so informative and interesting, I lost track of time.
- **They are great people who are proud of their community and its accomplishments and committed to future improvements.**

- Police protection is provided by Butler County Sheriff's Office.
- EMS service is part of the Volunteer Fire Department.
- The City appears to have good coverage for its size.



- The Library was well marked; I read about it on the website before visiting. I arrived at 2:30 pm for opening and there were already children in the back playing board games a child utilizing the computer for studies; the librarian was helping them.
- Another attractive historic building with the restrooms in the former bank safe.



- There are two parks: Kings Park and Veteran Memorial Park. Kings Park is right on Main Street and appears to be rather outdated. One lady mentioned there was a problem with splinters.
- Veteran's Park is on the far east side of town and some signs on Main Street would be helpful to find it.
- Veteran's Park is where the ball fields are. The Park appears to be in the process of a playground upgrade.
- According to FB, they mow a trail in the park seasonally for walkers to enjoy.



Photo by Jan Steen 9-11-2025



I was on the highway, leaving town when I saw the ballfield lights and realized I didn't find it.





Recreation & Tourism

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Well-Known for an attraction or event?

- Throughout the reports is acknowledgement of the events held in Potwin!
 - Watermelon Feed
 - Community House with an Old City Jail in the basement and plans of putting a museum upstairs.
 - Cherokee Trail on both sides of town but I forgot to check them out.
 - Biker Sundays
 - Old People's Day – which goes back a hundred years.

Natural or manmade features that can draw people?

- Turning the old filling station into a meeting place called Station 85.
- **Visitors reported hearing future hopes:**
 - Gathering space for coffee, buying fresh local produce, food, locally made crafts.
 - *Do you have updates? Requests from others?*

Visitor's Center

- City Hall, Post Office, and Library all serve as friendly places for information.

What would bring you back?

- Grace Hill Winery might bring me back.
- Is this a collaborative opportunity for Potwin?

- New housing on the south, people are still investing in the community.
- Social Media tells the story of people actively volunteering in the community.
- The location of the town with access to many larger towns and a small rural school.
- The History! Well-told online and honored with events.
- The people! Everyone was so kind. We arrived at closing time at the Post Office, but she gave us extra time and was proud of Potwin. The mayor and city clerk echoed the theme.

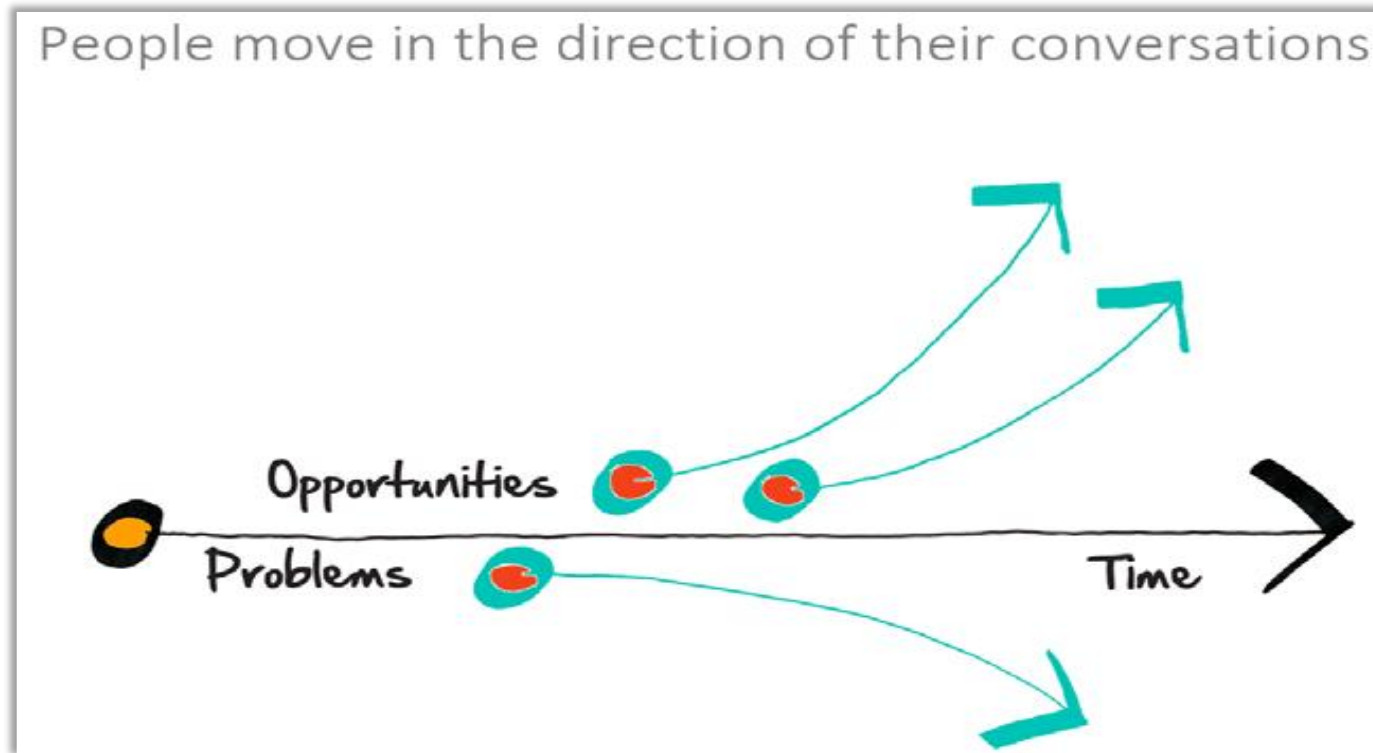
- Cleaning up properties - trimming & clearing trees, disposing of abandoned vehicles, requiring homeowners to fix damaged roofs or buildings is disrepair.

What will you remember?

- Potwin has driven a big interest in me in relating it back to my own town. Our two towns have so many things in common I'm interested to see how they continue to better themselves and I can't wait to see their progress and what they accomplish! I feel the drive they have as community and hope to see it continue!
- What I will remember most about Potwin is the people in the most positive way. And the librarian's tattoo. I'm hoping to come back in a few years to see a new building downtown!

What did you hear?

What will we do?



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