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Udall Chit-Chat

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In this month's volume...

Santa comes to town!

Angle Tree,

Minutes, Recipes & more...



Winter is here!

Announcements

Santa Comes to Town!

Saturday, Dec. 17 - 1:00-3:00pm - Udall Community Building



Chili, soups & desserts will be served throughout the day from 12:00 - 3:00pm while you enjoy the Christmas display!



Drawings will be held for two HUGE Christmas stockings of children's toys - various gift cards

Winners will be selected at 3:00pm

Lightpole Decorating Contest

Winners will be announced on City of Udall Facebook page at 10am on Friday December 9th.

Angel Tree

Grab an angel or two from the city building!

Cutoff date: December 16th.

Please leave all gifts unwrapped.

Please deliver all gifts to The Grove Church
2654 58th Dr. Udall.



Announcements & Minutes



Craft vendors on basketball court.

Raffle and donations will go to junior and senior class prom.

Call Jennifer Ault
316.990.7251

Reminder!



The city building will be closed December 25th and January 2nd for the holidays.

Udall schools will also be closed from December 19th through the 30th for winter break.

Stay warm, Merry Christmas & happy holidays from us!

October Minutes

Udall 4H Minutes - November

The November meeting of the Udall 4-H was held on the 6th at 6:30 PM. Ella Jelenek did a presentation on her dog training, (see image) and it was the puppy's first time doing tricks in a large crowd. Emily Atkinson, a visitor, spoke to us about photography tips, and the rule of thirds. The role call question for this month was "Would you rather go swimming or ice skating?" The committees reported their progress, and new committees were formed for the angel tree, and a club social. For recreation we did a marshmallow tower competition, and the next meeting was set for December 4th, time and place to be determined.



TOPS KS 0924 Udall Press Release

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) sixteen chapters in South Central Kansas held its regional fun day on October 15th at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita. The Udall chapter (KS 0924) received many awards and accolades. We took first place for the most meetings in which no one at the meeting gained any weight. The chapter received third place in the small group category for most pounds lost per member for the period from January through September. One member of the Udall group received fourth place honors for the most weight lost during that time frame. Additionally two members of the Udall group were

recognized for having maintained their goal weight within tolerance for the entire year. They are proud members of KOPS organization (Keeping Pounds Off Sensibly) and serve as inspiration to the rest of the chapter. The creativity of the group was rewarded with third place for the coolest name tags. We are a relatively small group but we are mighty and we would like to invite anyone who is interested in a common sense weight loss program to join our group. We meet every Tuesday evening at the Methodist Church in Udall at 6:15pm. Your first meeting is absolutely free of charge.

Udall City Council Public Hearing October 12, 2022

The Udall City Council met for the Public hearing regarding the property of 108 E First Street, Udall Ks 67146 at 6:30pm in the City Building Council Room. Kenneth Ault, Mayor, called the meeting to order. Council members present were Matt McAllister, Randy Hoffman, Damon Wilson, Dan Rutschman, and Mitch Kratochvil. Also present were: Eric Allen, Erik King, and Dina Willis.

RESOLUTION 344 - THE OWNER, THE OWNER AGENT, ANY LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD AND ANY OCCUPANT OF 108 E FIRST STREET, UDALL, KS 67146 APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED.

Ault calls for discussion from the floor. No discussion was brought forth. Discussion for Section 2. The governing body finds that the structure is unsafe and dangerous and orders the repair or razing and removal of the structure pursuant to the following schedule: discussion of what is needed in schedule. Article 6 dangerous and unfit structures read by Ault. Schedule set for 30 days to raze or remove the structure. MOTION by Kratochvil to approve Resolution 347 declaring the said structure at 108 E First Street in Udall to be unsafe and dangerous directing that said structure be repaired

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or razed or removed in reasonable time within a with action we have set for 30 days to commence, all in accordance with KSA12-1750 and code of the city Udall, Ks Chapter 4 Article 6 section 4601 states. SECONDED by Wilson. Ault called for vote. Ayes – All, Nays – 0. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION to adjourn the public hearing by Wilson. SECONDED by McAllister. Ault called vote. Ayes – All Nays – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Udall City Council Meeting Minutes October 12, 2022

The Udall City Council met for the City Council Meeting on Wednesday October 12th, 2022 at 6:45pm at the Udall City Building Council Room. Kenneth Ault, Mayor, called the meeting to order. Council members present were Matt McAllister, Randy Hoffman, Damon Wilson, Dan Rutschman, and Mitch Kratochvil. Quorum established. Also present were: Harold Schanbacher, Jason Tharp, Eric Allen, Erik King, Kendra Boyer, Jessica Crely and Dina Willis. BUSINESS FROM FLOOR Harold Schanbacher from the Heritage Evangelical Free Church asked for approval to place a barrel in the Main St. and First St intersection to advertise the Pancake-Sausage Supper and Action on November 5th, 2022 at the Udall Community Building. MOTION by Kratochvil to allow the Heritage Church to place at the intersection of Main and First starting next week for the Pancake-Sausage Supper. SECONDED by Wilson. Ault called vote. Aye – All, Nays – 0. MOTION CARRIED. No Modification of Agenda was made. Discussion on the Treasurer Cash Report for September numbers not adding up correctly brought up by Kratochvil. MOTION by Wilson to accept the CONSENT AGENDA minus the Treasurer report for September 2022. SECONDED by Rutschman. Ault called vote. Aye – All, Nays – 0. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION by Kratochvil to move to executive session to discuss individual employee's performance pursuant the non-elective personnel exception under KOMA with the right to call Dina Willis, Erik King and Kendra Boyer into session, to resume at 7:21pm in the City Council Room. SECONDED by McAllister. Ault called for vote. Ayes – All, Nays – 0. MOTION CARRIED. At 7:21 pm Ault called the City Council back to open meeting. The council had no binding action during executive session. OLD BUSINESS Discussion on the addendum to the original Mumford contract for exclusive rights to building until April 1, 2024. Discussion on exclusive rights. Hoffman noted that there isn't another house built in the 18-month timeline he will donate \$50 to the Angel Tree.

Galaxie quote for backup for computer system to be complaint for cyber insurance discussed. MOTION by Wilson to approve the quote of \$2138.00 for the backup of the city computers. SECONDED by Hoffman. Ault called vote. Aye – All, Nays – 0. MOTION CARRIED. Discussion on Hazard Mitigation Plan. Plan is on schedule with the completion of the interest form. Sample of 2019 plan on handout was discussed. NEW BUSINESS Jason Tharp presented drawing of lots and construction plans of building for new commercial mower shop. Discussion of placement and requirements. Hoping to be open for business end of 2023 or Spring 2024. Discussion on Employee Manual, review of samples of vacation and sick pay and roll over limits from Belle Plaine, Oxford and Douglass and handout of typed copy of manual in process. Discussion of changes to be made to new manual: meeting compensation for Supervisors will change from \$25 a meeting to clock time of hours attended, addition of Christmas Eve to the holiday list, changing of military leave to reflect the same as jury duty leave, and some of the items decided in previous meetings to be added to the new manual are: On-call and call-back changes, insurance probation changed, annual reviews established for May and November. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS Rutschman - none Wilson – street look good, 3rd street discussion McAllister – none Hoffman – Cats in town, Fall Festival reviewed, Foster and Associates Kratochvil – Replat letters sent out with wrong dates, resent with new dates. Discussion on letters to indicate if we have special meeting. STAFF REPORTS PD - replat discussion. Missing replat zoning book. Jessica training – email handout with prices. Discussion on sending both Jessica and Kendra to training. Tabled to later date. MAINTENANCE – Flexing melt \$1743 pallet. by Wilson to purchase pallet of flexing melt for \$1743. SECONDED by Rutschman. Ault called vote. Ayes – All, Nays – 0. MOTION CARRIED. The Tree dump open 3rd Saturday (this Saturday) from 8-12pm. Transformers purchase booked for next year – Delivery is out to April / May next year currently. MOTION by Wilson to purchase 2 transformers not to exceed \$25,000.00 for next year. SECONDED by Kratochvil. Ault called vote. Ayes – All, Nays – 0. MOTION CARRIED. Handouts from Rural Water and requirements for the audit. OFFICE – Envelopes with return address and stamp needed to purchase. MOTION by Wilson to purchase envelopes needed not to exceed \$1000. SECONDED by Rutschman. Ault called vote Ayes – All, Nays – 0. MOTION CARRIED. MAYOR – Discussion on Tornado Shelters and pricing. Quotes on handouts. MOTION by Wilson to adjourn the meeting. SECONDED by Rutschman. Ault called for vote. Ayes – All, Nays – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Recipes

Gingerbread Cake with Mascarpone Cream Cheese Frosting

Ingredients For the Cake

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup white whole wheat flour can sub all-purpose flour
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp cloves
- 1 and 1/2 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 2 sticks salted butter, softened
- 2/3 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 4 eggs room temp
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup molasses not blackstrap!
- 1 cup buttermilk see note if you want to use regular milk

For the Frosting

- 20 tbsp salted butter, softened (2 sticks + 4 tbsp)
- 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 10 ounces mascarpone cheese no need to soften!
- 6 cups powdered sugar, sifted
- 2 and 1/2 tbsp milk
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1/8 tsp salt

For the Sugared Cranberries + Rosemary Trees

- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar, for rolling
- 7 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 1/2 cup fresh or frozen cranberries

For the Cranberry Jam filling

- 1 cup cranberry jam I just used store bought! Mine was technically jam, but the canned cranberry sauce should also work.



Instructions

1) **Make the Sugared Cranberries + Sugared Rosemary Trees:** Mix water and sugar in a medium pot on the stove. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer, whisking until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat and let cool for a bit before dipping the rosemary in the mixture (this helps keep the rosemary from browning). Set aside on a plate or small pan lined with parchment paper to dry for 15 minutes. Next, add the cranberries into the mixture in the pot. Cover with a dish towel and let sit 10 minutes. Remove cranberries (save the syrup!) and set on a piece of parchment paper to dry for at least 15 minutes or up to 1 hour before sugaring. After the dry time is up for each element, roll in a bowl of granulated sugar and set on a new, dry piece of parchment paper and let set 10 minutes before using or storing.

2) **Prep:** Grease + flour three 9-inch cake pans and set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

3) **Make the Cake Layers:** Whisk together the dry ingredients in a medium bowl (flour through nutmeg, as listed above). Set aside. In a large mixing bowl, cream softened butter. Add brown + white sugar and mix until well combined and creamy. Add the eggs, 2 at a time, and mix until just combined.

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Add molasses + vanilla and mix until combined, scraping the sides of the bowl to make sure everything is well incorporated. Add 1/3 of the flour mixture, then mix. Add 1/3 of the buttermilk, then mix. Repeat until everything is well incorporated. Evenly distribute the batter between the three pans (use a kitchen scale or eyeball it). Bake for 14-24 minutes, or until cake layers look just done and a toothpick comes out with cake crumbs on it, not wet batter. Let cake cool in the pans 10 minutes, then invert them onto cooling racks. Let cool completely before frosting or storing.

4) **Make the Frosting:** In a large mixing bowl, cream softened butter. Add cream cheese and mix until well combined. Add the mascarpone cheese and mix until well combined and creamy. Sift in the powdered sugar, 2 cups at a time, and mix until well combined. Add milk, vanilla, and salt and mix until well combined. Add up to 1/2 cup additional powdered sugar if the frosting is too thin or could use a little extra sweetness. Divide frosting into 3 equal parts.

5) **Assemble + Frost Cake:** Place one cake layer on your cake stand, and add the frosting in a big blob in the center. Frost with an offset spatula, spreading the frosting out and a bit over the edges of the cake. Pipe a border of frosting around the edge, and then add 1/2 cup of the cranberry jam. Spread it evenly with an offset spatula within the piped border. Repeat with second layer. Add the top cake layer on upside down for a level top to your cake. Use remaining frosting to cover the top of the cake and dot the bare sides of the cake in random places, all the way around. Use a cake smoother/scrapper to smooth the dots of frosting by holding it against the side of the cake, and slowly turning the cake and pulling the cake smoother towards you while turning the cake the opposite direction. Continue until desired effect is reached. Use the frosting removed by the cake smoother to add back to spots where you want more frosting. Create swirls on the top of the cake using a spoon, and decorate with the trees (place the sprigs upside down to make that pine tree look!) and cranberries. Sprinkle with white sanding sugar for a fresh snowfall sparkle effect.

Snowman Christmas Cheese Ball Recipe

Ingredients

- Two 8 oz blocks of cream cheese at room temperature
- 3 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese at room temperature
- 1 oz package ranch seasoning mix
- 1 1/2 cups finely shredded jack cheese
- 1 baby carrot
- whole peppercorns



Instructions

1. Let cream cheese and sharp cheddar come to room temperature. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, combine cream cheese, cheddar cheese and ranch dressing mix.
2. Divide cheese mixture and form one smaller cheese ball for the head and one larger cheese ball for the body. Transfer cheese mixtures to two separate sheets of plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or overnight. Can be made several days ahead.
3. Right before serving, press shredded cheese into cheese ball. Place on a serving plate and place smaller cheese ball onto larger cheese ball. Slice the tip off of a baby carrot and press into cheese ball to make a nose. Use whole peppercorns for mouth, eyes and buttons. Serve with crackers.

(Cheese Ball can be mixed and refrigerated up to three days before. Add jack cheese and snowman decorations right before serving.)

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"If there's anything better than life--it's life in Kansas."

-Chamber of Commerce 1930

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
27	28	29 recycle	30	1	2 Senior Center Potluck 12pm	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Cooperettes Mtg. 1pm	10 Second Blessings @ Nazarene Church 9am-12
11	12	13 Community Bldg Board Meeting 7pm recycle	14 City Council Mtg. 6pm Historical Society Mtg. 7pm	15	16 Angle Tree Deadline Senior Center Potluck 12pm	17 Santa Comes to Town! 1pm
18	19	20 Utility Payments due by 4pm to avoid a 10% late fee	21	22 Meter Reads Please restrain dogs	23 Meter Reads Please restrain dogs	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas	26 City building closed for the holiday	27 recycle	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve