

December Newsletter

Merry Christmas and **Happy New Year!**

We didn't plan any fundraisers due to the holidays. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Holidays are especially hard for people facing the loss of a loved one.

I know several in our community have faced loss in the last few years as well as this year. Be kind to one another and keep looking up as that is where our help comes from.

2024 was very eventful:

The restrooms are complete with the help of the Harold and Irene Trusler Foundation and the many volunteers. John O'Brien paid for the cement so that freed up money for the other items needed. John also donated money from his Honky Tonk music night.

This project would not have gotten done without the help of our Mayor, Theresa Simmons. Her tireless working to make it happen. It was a combined effort and many thanks to Mark Davis, Jerry Bloom and all the guys that laid the groundwork. The building was built by Rod Engstrand and crew. Cody & Cory Kelly hung the tongue and groove boards. I can't thank them all enough for their work on these projects.

We had a great turnout for our Annual Chili Cookoff and Trunk N Treat. We really appreciate all the participation that we had from the community.

The Romigh Park Project is a success. We got grants from the Chase County Community Fund through the Emporia Community Foundation and Chase County Recreation Commission, Elmdale United Methodist Church and City of Elmdale. for the wood mulch and border down for the kids to play without getting so many stickers. The sandbox is bigger now so they will have fun with that. It was my goal to give the kids of Elmdale a great place to play by Christmas. Mission accomplished.

I can't express my gratitude enough for the help that Cody, Cory, Jim, Camille Kelly, Matthew and Cassandra Simmons. It wouldn't have gotten done without their help. Thanks to Joey Swift and Emmalie Jackson for helping me spread the mulch. There is a little more to do but we will get it ready.

2025 will be a great year for Elmdale as we work to bring our community together. We will be getting our city streets repaired, new water lines and a new lift station in the near future.

My next goal is to repair the City Hall to be used for community events and to keep it in working order. I have applied for a grant so we will see how that works out.

I'm happy to see that many are using the dropbox and I really appreciate it. Feel free to drop by if there is any way I can help.

Next council meeting will be January 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Please come and bring up any ideas you may have for fundraisers.

