

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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SCFD Involved In Disaster Rescue Training



In the event of a mine fire, explosion, roof collapse or flood, expertly trained teams of men and women are needed to search for missing and injured miners.

In early November, members of the Sugar Creek Fire Department participated in a simulated mine disaster rescue scenario training session put on by Eagle Materials.

Through rigorous drills and exercises such as this, first-responders prepare themselves for a disaster they hope never happens.

The department was involved in a phase of the training day that focused on a roll over bus accident with 25 mine workers being transported to the work site, said Adam Kelsey, captain of the department. In the scenario the bus has rolled over and each of the “workers” had different injuries that need to be properly triaged, treated and transported

for further medical care.

Participants from the department were: Kelsey, Nate Richardson, Kenny Soule, Brandon Smith and Jason Rivera. The remaining 25 miner characters were Fort Osage EMT and Fire students. All wore make up to simulate their injuries.

In all, representatives of the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, Central Plains Cement Company, the Missouri Department of Labor’s Mine Cave Safety Program and nine Midwest mine rescue teams showcased their capabilities during a joint mine rescue exercise at Central Plains Cement’s underground mine in Sugar Creek.

In addition, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Joseph A. Main, spoke to the group and John Urosek, Chief of Mine Emergency Operations described

and demonstrated the latest emergency response equipment and technology.

The purpose of the event was to test skills and improve training for underground mine rescues. Other exercises during the day included:

- **Underground Communications:** Teams explored an active underground mine to search for “missing” miners and to extinguish simulated fires. Teams wore breathing equipment and used the latest technology in mine rescue communications.

- **Surface & Mine Emergency Operations:** Teams were stationed at the mine emergency command center and directed the underground teams on tasks and safety issues.

- **Rescue in Smoke-Filled Environment:** Teams traveled through zero-visibility smoke to search for “trapped” miners and to extinguish simulated fires.



MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

LIVING TODAY.”

Emergency preparedness follows this principle. Prepare for tomorrow: We do not really know what will happen tomorrow, but we want to train for the ‘what ifs.’ In the preparation develops the plan. If tomorrow brings a disaster, then we do not have to do on the job training. We will know what to do without having to ‘figure it out.’ Preparation saves lives. Based on the knowledge of yesterday: Experience teaches us to be prepared. What works and what does not. What should be done, and what should not be done. Learn from yesterday's mistakes and apply them to help create tomorrow's successes. That you learned by living today: Today we learn what to do when a disaster

My motto that I live by is “PREPARE FOR TOMORROW, BASED ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF YESTERDAY, THAT YOU LEARNED BY

happens. We learn how to prevent risks to our rescuers. We learn how different departments work together. We learn how to evaluate the surrounding conditions such as air quality to prevent loss of life or property.

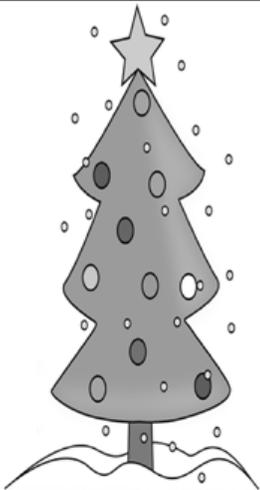
The pictures on the right are of a national emergency preparedness program that Central Plains did at their facility on November 5-7 in Sugar Creek. The pictures tell a story much better than my words can. This was an exercise and the ‘victims’ were actors. No one was hurt in the exercises.



As Mayor Sugar Creek, I thank Steve Kidwell, Terry VanWinkle and Central Plains for organizing and including us in this national exercise. The man pictured with me (inset) is Joe Main, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health. He is appointed by our President. It was an honor to have him in Sugar Creek.

Thank you,

Mayor Matt Mallinson



The City of Sugar Creek would like to invite you to the Annual Mayor's Tree Lighting.

The event will be at Well's Park on the corner of Sterling and Gill St.

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Festivities will start at 5:30 PM with the tree lighting at 6:00 PM

- Come visit Santa's village for arts and crafts provided by the Fair and Festival board.
- Santa's post office will be available for personal letters to him.
- Hot Dogs, Drinks, Wagon Rides, Music, will be provided.

What a great way to start the Holiday Season with family and friends!

For Information Contact
Parks and Recreation
Connie Dickinson
816-252-4400
cdickinson@sugar-creek.mo.us

CCRC will be available for donations and non perishable food items.
Your donation can help make a family have a good Holiday.

If we encounter inclement weather the Mayor will decide on the cancellation; it will be posted on the City web page www.sugar-creek.mo.us and on Facebook.

THE 2015 WINTER CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 | 8:30AM - 11:30 AM
Abraham Mallinson Elementary School
709 N. Forest St., Sugar Creek, MO

The Abraham Mallinson Elementary PTA would like to invite you all to join us for our Winter Craft Fair! This event will take place at the same time as our Breakfast With Santa Event, which is sponsored by The Sugar Creek Optimist Club. Vendors are needed! For more information, please contact Sarah Snyder (816)-841-1394. Booth space is \$25.00. Door Prizes from Laura Dixon Wreaths, The Picture People, Perfectly Posh, Chop Tops Hair Company, and more! Pictures with Santa Holiday Shopping. Free Admission!
Please Note: The Sugar Creek Optimist Club will be providing breakfast for Abraham Mallinson students and their families only!

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING– Public Works department will begin picking up Christmas trees on Thursday, January 7. To recycle your Christmas tree, please make sure all decorating trim is removed from the tree, and place by the street curb for easy access. Trees must be out by Thursday, January 8 at 7 a.m.

YARD WASTE– Yard waste collection will be Dec. 3 and Dec. 17. Please be sure to note that yard waste pickup resumes April 2016.

SCATTERED TRASH– Please use caution when setting out trash. With wild animals and domestic animals left to fend for themselves, they will tear up trash. Our crews have been seeing this more frequently. Please be aware that our crews cannot rake or pick up scattered trash. Trash bags should be in containers with a lid on them.

— Sue Mikula, Public Works Administrative Assistant

Parks & Recreation

COMMUNITY POTLUCK– The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Community Potluck on Dec. 8; We will provide baked ham; please bring a side dish or desert. The potluck will be held at Mike Onka Hall, and lunch will begin at 12:00 pm.

BOB ROSS OIL PAINTING CLASSES– Next class will be held January 16. For a fee of \$35.00 you will be instructed by certified Bob Ross instructor Jean Libby. You will be able to take home your finished painting at the end of the class.

NEW DINNER THEATER– February 20, 2016. \$40.00 per person, price includes transportation, lunch, and production. We have limited amount of reserved seats you must pre register for this.

YOUTH OF THE MONTH– Open to all youth residents of Sugar Creek ages K-18. Nomination forms can be picked up at City Hall.

CLUB WALK– Club Walk is held at the Sugar Creek gym, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For those interested in walking to stay in shape, keep exercising even during inclement

weather. Eighteen times around the gym equals one mile! Periodically we will have rehab facilities attend to enhance our walking program.

ZUMBA CLASS– Held Monday and Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym. Cost of class \$5.00 Please wear comfortable shoes and don't forget to bring water. Certified licensed instructor Krystal Thompson, krystalthompson300@msn.com.

INSTRUCTIONAL YOUTH BASKETBALL– These will be for ages 4 up to 10 years old or grades Kindergarten through 4th grade. If you have children interested in joining, we will have registrations available at City Hall for the Youth Sports programs. This program will start in January 2016.

MAYORS TREE LIGHTING– Saturday, Dec. 5, at Well's Park, Sterling and Gill Streets. Festivities start at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor will turn the switch at 6:00 p.m. Children can visit with Santa and receive a special gift. Hot dogs, drinks, wagon rides, music, will be provided.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Police Department

CHIEF'S CHAT– As the Chief, I am lucky to have a great bunch of officers working for the Police Department. I would like to take this opportunity congratulate Officers Amanda Sammons and Molly Brackeen for successfully passing DARE school. With the Officers passing the DARE course, Officers Sammons and Brackeen will now be the DARE instructors for Mallinson School which had previously been taught by Independence officers. Also Officer Brackeen has taken over as the school resource officer for both Sugar Creek and Mallinson schools with the promotion of Officer Tim Waterfield to Sergeant. As a department we strive to make Sugar Creek a safe and friendly community for all of our citizens. If you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch or having a neighborhood meeting, please contact Officer Brackeen at 521-7921 ext. 235.

— Christopher Soule, Sugar Creek Police Chief

How Christmas Comes: A Little Town Memory

The early winter night seems to float down over the little valley town dropping quietly like a parachute. Deep drifting snow is everywhere on the house covered hills. Lights coming from within the houses cast bright yellow shadows on the ground, giving the show a deep, bluish tint, making it appear freshly fallen even though it is days old.

Slowly, people begin emerging from their cozy houses. Dressed in fine suits and beautiful dresses, cautiously, they brave snowy sidewalks and icy, slick streets. Children, despite being dressed in their good clothes, still manage to throw snowballs and chase each other.

Down the hills they come, their hearts light, but filled with gladness. Each one of them drawn to a single place, a place that on this one winter's night, more than any other, gives them a sense of joy, a sense of peace, and a sense of belonging.

At the bottom of the valley backed by an open snow-covered field, which caught and reflected diamond bright every moonbeam, stood the church, it's rough stone, shining jewel-like, in its icy covering. The stained glass gave off a warm, inviting glow. High in the moon drenched steeple, huge cast bronze bells covered in velvet

frost, hung in anticipation.

Below, the people crowd into the warm church as the service starts. The priest gives the sermon. The Christmas story is read. Their voices mingle in song and make a joyful noise. Their hopes and prayers touch the rafters. They have come to be blessed by the Lord, and too, bless him in return.

Then the darkness of the church is broken by the light of a single candle, then another and still yet another. Soon the once dark church is alive with the light of joyous souls.

High above, the great bronze bells ring out the coming of the new day, their tolling calls to the very heavens above saying that the Lord has come and his spirit dwells here now and forever more.

That is how I remember Christmas coming. It comes on cotton soft snowfalls and full silver moonlight. Christmas drops quietly like the night. Christmas sings and prays and rings out all over the valley towns. Christmas comes from ice covered stone churches and frost-covered bells. Christmas comes on house-covered hills filled with light.

But, most importantly, thank the Lord; it comes to all of us, each in his own way.

— Anonymous



Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation

Seasonal House, Yard & Businesses Decorating Contest



All entries must be received by 3:00 PM, December 11, 2015

Judging will take place the evening of Tuesday, December 22, 2015

Have your lights on as soon as it's dark!

- **RELIGIOUS** (best display with a religious theme)
- **NOSTALGIC** (most old-fashioned, best reminds-me-of-my-childhood display)
- **CLARK GRISWOLD** (excessive use of outdoor lighting and decoration)
- **INSIDE-OUT** (indoor displays that are visible from the street)
- **ANYTHING GOES** (no specific theme, but WOW)



- Name _____
- Address _____
- Phone Number _____
- Alt Phone Number _____

Winner's will be notified on December 23rd, 2015

Return form to:

City Hall 103 S Sterling

Attn: Connie Dickinson

NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of Wells Remembered

Agnes Virginia Wells, 94, of Sugar Creek, MO, passed away Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

Agnes was born October 19, 1920, in her home in Sugar Creek, as one of six children to Steve and Theresa Penyock. Her parents were Slavic immigrants and she was born the first generation of Americans in her family. She graduated from Northeast High School class of 1938. She worked for Hallmark, Sears, and eventually became the proprietor of Kross Lounge Ernie's Steakhouse until her retirement in 2005. Agnes was a dedicated and hardworking mother who raised four wonderful children. She loved quilting, cooking, participating in the walking club, visiting her home at Lake of the Ozarks, but most of all enjoyed her church and being a part of the Sugar Creek community. Her family remembers her as humble, sweet, patient, reserved, and most of all loving.

Survivors include son, Mark T. Wells (Dee Lowry) of Sugar Creek; daughter, Mary Ann Hall (Larry) of Independence; and daughter, Diane Elizabeth Kerr of Prairie Village, KS; nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren; and sister, Virginia Baker of Tulsa, OK; and numerous nieces and nephews who will miss her. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Tom, and Paul Penyock, Betty Daniel, and Velma Pott; and her beloved son, John Stephen Wells.

Martinovich Will Be Missed

George Gregory Martinovich Jr., 73, of Sugar Creek, Mo., passed Oct. 18, 2015.

A Prayer Service in memory of George Martinovich was held Saturday, Oct. 24, at St. Cyril Catholic Church. Inurnment will be at Mound Grove Cemetery.

"Ol' Circuit Righter" Remembered

"Ol' Circuit Righter, Emerson Yates, passes at 98.8 years of age. Born February 9, 1917 - passed October 30, 2015, and what a wonderful life! Emerson was best known to everyone in Sugar Creek as the Ol' Circuit Righter.



Mr. Yates was a very gifted man. During his years, he was not only an electrician, a cane maker, a wood carver, a singer, well, the list goes on and on. As far as his family is concerned, his greatest accomplishments were a Godly, devoted husband, wise and kind father, compassionate grandad,

great-grandad and great-great grandad.

I'm sure to all of you who knew him, you found in him a great friend. Thank you all who participated in the life of this lovely and gentle man.

And finally, as dad always said, "To God Be The Glory". Thank you, Emerson Yates, for a life well-lived."



At the library...
DECEMBER 2015

■ computer classes

Computer Basics— Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 11:00 a.m. Learn more about getting around on your computer in this class, which offers insights into hardware and software components.

Internet Basics— Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 11:00 a.m. Learn what the Internet and your Internet browser can do for you! This class concentrates on the basics of online searches.

E-Mail Basics— Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 11:00 a.m. Sign up for a free e-mail account and follow along this tutorial teaches the ins and outs of sending and receiving email, as well as how to organize your messages.

Facebook Basics— Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m. What on earth is a Facebook and what am I supposed to do with it? Come to this class and find out! Facebook is a popular social networking site that allows you to connect with everyone. Join us and see if it is right for you.

Google Docs— Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 11:00 a.m. Stop relying on email attachments and multiple documents! Discover Google Docs and how it can help you and your colleagues collaborate, share, and store multiple documents in one convenient place.

■ crafts

Quilting For The People— Saturdays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 at 1:00 p.m. This bi-weekly class at Sugar Creek offers many options for all levels of quilters. Bring a project, start a project, or come to learn something new. Class is every other Saturday at the Sugar Creek Library. Call Nancy at 816-252-3344 for more information.

■ teen activities

Teen Creek After Hours— Friday, Dec. 4 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Be creative. Be loud. Be here! The Sugar Creek Library stays open late for teens only. Come and hang out - play on the computers, watch a movie, or just meet up with friends. Food and noise allowed!

■ book clubs

After Lunch Book Club— Thursday, Dec. 10 at 1:30 p.m. Join us for an After Lunch Book Club at the Sugar Creek Branch Library as we read and discuss great books. Discussions moderated by Christy Tapko.

Fairmount Community Center Book Group— Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 12:15 p.m. Join us at the Fairmount Community Center. Books are provided by the Sugar Creek Branch Library. Discussions moderated by Mary Roberson.

PLEASE BE SURE TO NOTE:

The Library will be closing early, at 5:00 p.m. on

Thursday, December 24, and will be CLOSED

Friday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday.

The Library will be closing early, at 5:00 p.m. on

Thursday, December 31, and will be CLOSED on

Friday, January 1 for the New Year.



Sweet Talk

December 2015 Calendar

City Hall Offices
Public Works
Parks & Recreation

252-4400
252-4413
252-4400, ext. 137

Police or Fire Emergencies
Non Emergencies
www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City_News.html

911
252-7058

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
REMEMBER: • CUB WALK: Monday through Friday, 9 to 10 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym • ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS: Every Monday & Wednesday, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym. \$5.00 per class						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1 <i>Community Potluck</i> 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Bldg.	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup	EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY LUNCH City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m. Mayor's Tree Lighting - Wells Park
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup	Delinquent date for utilities	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	CHRISTMAS EVE City Hall Closed	CHRISTMAS DAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	
27	28	29	30	31		
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	NEW YEAR'S EVE		

Past due notification date