

Recipe:

Andes Mint Cookies

From the kitchen of:

Joy Zimmerman

Ingredients:

2 C. all-purpose flour

3/4 C. unsweetened cocoa powder

1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

3/4 C. unsalted butter, room temp

3/4 C. light brown sugar, packed

3/4 C. white sugar

2 large eggs

2 tsp. pure vanilla extract

36 Andes chocolate mints, unwrapped

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a large baking sheet with a Slipmat baking mat or parchment paper and set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt and set aside.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the butter and sugars on medium high speed until light and creamy, about two minutes. Mix in the eggs and vanilla extract scraping down the side of the bowl with a spatula, as necessary. Add in the dry ingredients and mix on low until just combined - don't over mix.

Scoop by rounded Tablespoons onto the prepared baking sheet, placing the dough balls about two-inches apart.

Bake for 8-10 minutes or until the cookies are set around the edges but still soft in the center. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and gently press a mint into the center of each cookie. Let the cookies sit on the baking sheet for five minutes or until the mint is soft and melty. Take a butter knife and carefully spread the melted mint over the top of the cookie, leaving a little border. The mint will become the frosting for the cookie.

Transfer the cookies to a cooling rack and cool completely so the frosting can set up.

Note: store in an airtight container at room temperature up to four days.

BAKING

Christmas

MEMORIES

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# New Salem City Council Proceedings

**NEW SALEM CITY PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH,**  
**2025, 6:30 P.M.**  
**CITY AUDITORIUM**

These minutes are being published subject to review and revision by the New Salem City Council.

Gaebe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Attendance  
Council Mayor: Josh Gaebe  
Council members present: Chad Goetzfridt, Delton Kautzman, Sheppard Olson, Perrin Goetzfridt, Bryan Moen  
Absent: Corey Lausch  
Others present: City Works Robert Boehm, City Auditor Melissa Davis, City Engineer Todd Norton, Richard Mendoza, Jon Engelstad

Pledge of Allegiance  
Minutes

The council reviewed the November 10th regular city council minutes. C. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Police Committee  
The council reviewed the November police report and the 2026 Police Contract. Davis stated that the only change from the 2025 Police Contract was a rate increase of 5%. No other changes were noted. Kautzman moved and Moen seconded to approve the 2026 Police Contract with Morton County as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Personnel Committee  
The council reviewed the November city works report.

Ordinances  
Davis stated the City Attorney, Scott Solem was in touch with her about the new truck route fines. Solem stated that he believed the penalty clause of our city ordinances would have to be updated first, he would do some checking on and get back to her. Last month the council decided to increase the penalty to \$100 for 1st offense, \$300 for 2nd offense, and \$500 for 3rd and all subsequent offenses.

Old Business  
Davis stated that the owners of the hotel have not been served yet, so a new summons and complaint has been submitted for service.

New Business  
The council requested Davis get in touch with Heartland Law to discuss the possibility of taking on the City of New Salem as a client.

Consent Agenda  
Kautzman moved and Moen seconded to approve the consent agenda. P. Goetzfridt, C. Goetzfridt, Moen, Olson voted

aye, Kautzman abstained. The motion carried.

1.Liquor License Renewals  
The Field – On and Off Sale + Sunday  
Golden Nugget Saloon –On and Off Sale + Sunday  
New Salem Golf Association - On Sale + Sunday  
2.Gaming Permit – Central Morton Sportsman's Club – Raffle – 2/2/2026  
Moen moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the bills as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

USDA .....\$36,100.00  
.....Priority 2 Loan Payment .....93-12  
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL .....\$51.25  
.....Ray's Testing  
OFFICE DEPOT .....  
.....Business Credit .....\$15.99  
Office Supply  
OFFICE DEPOT .....  
.....Business Credit .....\$60.98  
Calendars  
OFFICE DEPOT .....  
Business Credit ... \$710.62  
Tax forms/pens/ink  
MDU .....\$3,583.10  
.....street lights  
941 PAYMENT ...\$3,984.76  
NDPERS .....\$2,273.15  
.....retirement payment  
MOR- GRAN- SOU ELECTRIC .....\$151.87  
.....street lighting  
WEST RIVER .....\$285.09  
.....phones  
Boehm, Robert ...\$2,079.09  
Davis, Melissa ...\$1,391.02  
Haff, Tyler .....\$323.92  
Kazandjian, Raymond .....\$1,903.83  
Yellow Bird, Miranda .....\$948.96  
Abra-Mandan .....\$1,788.29  
..... City Pickup Repair  
Bennett, Shane .....\$92.35  
Boehm, Robert ...\$2,481.19  
Davis, Melissa ...\$1,391.02  
Haff, Tyler .....\$412.96  
Kazandjian, Raymond .....\$1,892.68  
Yellow Bird, Miranda .....\$911.55  
AE2S .....\$600.70  
.....Municipal Engineering  
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS .....\$1,859.00  
..... software and support  
Payroll/Fund  
CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER .....\$318.23  
.....gas, oil, shop supplies  
COFER SANITATION \$ .....  
.....1,410.10  
.....Special Assessments  
COLONIAL RESEARCH ...  
.....\$91.39  
Salt  
CORE & MAIN.....\$985.67  
..... Smart Points  
CURTIS RUD OIL ..\$265.96  
.....Fuel  
D & E SUPPLY CO..\$25.26  
..... Scrubber cord  
Dept. of Environmental Quality .....\$183.55  
.....ND Chemistry Lab

ESRI .....\$1,100.00  
..... GIS Subscription  
FARMERS LUMBER & GAMBLES .....\$148.46  
.....aud/shop supplies  
GS Publishing, LLC .....\$287.04  
.....Morton County News Journal  
MARC .....\$4,335.43  
.....Cold water bacteria  
MISSOURI WEST WATER SYSTEM.....\$16,453.35  
..... water purchase  
MORTON COUNTY AUDITOR .....\$35.87  
.....Budget Hearing Notices  
MORTON COUNTY AUDITOR .....\$3,360.00  
.....police contract  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS .....\$40.00  
.....MFOA Membership  
NAPA .....\$1,473.31  
..... equipment parts  
ND DEPT OF HEALTH – MICRO.....\$27.00  
..... labs  
ND LEAGUE OF CITIES  
\$710.00 .....  
.....Random Drug & Alcohol  
Testing Program  
ND WATER/POLLUTION .....\$100.00  
.....Ray Training Course & Exam  
ONE CALL CONCEPTS .....\$4.50  
PARK DISTRICT \$1,393.35  
..... state aid  
US Postal Service ..\$106.00  
... Post Office Box Renewal  
RDO .....\$20,193.42  
..... Repair to Grader  
Robert Boehm .....\$277.71  
..... Uniform  
ROUGH RIDERS INDUSTRY .....\$19.01  
street signs  
SANITATION PRODUCTS .....\$1,764.68  
..... Parts for Sweeper  
SECURITY FIRST BANK .....\$900.00  
..... Cash-Christmas Bonus  
Solem Law Office ..\$917.92  
...Meeting/review revenue bond  
SOUTHWEST GRAIN .....\$382.40  
..... Common Salt  
Kaelberer Construction Inc. ....\$1,499.30  
Roll offs  
TYLER HAFF .....\$25.00  
.....gas stipend  
VESTIS.....\$845.93  
.....Rugs/paper products  
Construction Bills  
Security First Bank .....\$12,300.25  
Payoff  
CF Loan .(De-obligated Funds)  
Crow River Construction ...\$392,651.86  
..... Priority 6 Request 5  
AE2S .....\$28,125.62  
..... Priority 6 Request 5  
Gaebe adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm. The next regular New Salem City Council meeting will be Monday, January 12th, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Holsteins

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Jaguars, Smith reinforced the Holsteins desire to be a defense first team, adding how the physicality of Tuesday's game provided the team with a chance to prove their defensive prowess.

Though successful in forcing countless turnovers on defense throughout the game, the Holsteins had plenty of chances to score points in transition but also turned the ball over throughout the first half.

Coach Kringstad shared that with more in-game reps and minutes, his players will begin limiting the number of turnovers they commit in a game. Smith said that in order to limit turnovers, the team needs to remain calm when maintaining possession of the ball, emphasizing the need to not rush passes and jump stops.

"We're still early in the season so that's something we know we got to improve on but just [on] a week-by-week basis we should get a little more comfortable with what we're doing and not have to overthink," Coach Kringsstad explained. "A lot of times turnovers are overcomplicating things and not just being reactionary so week by week we hope that number goes down."

The starting lineup of the Holsteins aside from Smith, (Maksim Nelson, Miller, Gilbert and Sanders) contributed 39 points in the win. After having multiple double-digit scorers in the season opener, Coach Kringstad said it was nice to see other players getting involved and finding opportunities for themselves aside from Smith.

Following his 29-point

performance, Smith said he was "grateful for the opportunities" he received throughout the game to contribute offensively, something Coach Kringstad stated he and others on the team will continue to get throughout the season.

"He's [Smith] a great offensive player, but there's eventually going to be teams [when] we get deep in the season, they're going to scout and try to take him away and make things difficult. We need other guys that are going to step up and find opportunities," Coach Kringstad said.

Coach Kringstad noted that it's still too early for him to know the team's best rotation of players, but he emphasized how the coaches will continue to view and consider in-game fouls, fatigue and overall performance when deciding rotations.

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