

Talk of the Town



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A Message from the Mayor...

I would like to begin 2018 by thanking the previous governing body for their role in keeping our city running effectively. The duty of being an elected

official is often a thankless job, with people seeming to seek out their elected officials only when they have a grievance. Thank you to Jerry Kanzenbach, Leroy Schmidtberger, Jerry Brungardt, Dave Gagnon, Erica Schmidtberger and Dustin Schumacher for the work you have done for Victoria.

Erica and Dustin will be joined on the 2018-2020 City Council by Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, and Zach Kanzenbach. Hopefully, the Council members and I, along with the help of city staff and other volunteers, will be able to have a productive year.

John Schulte



Completing their terms of office in December were Dave Gagnon, Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach, Leroy Schmidtberger and Jerry Brungardt. The new Council was sworn in prior to the January Council meeting.



City offers new payment choices

The City now has new payment options for our customers. We now have the capability to accept all major credit cards: Visa, Master Card, Discover, and American Express for utility payments, connect fees and UPS charges. In addition, customers can make payments from their checking account by telephone if they have the necessary information available.

There is also a link on the city website for customers who wish to avail themselves of that option as well.

The customer will incur the charges for this service: 2.5% for credit cards and \$1.50 for a check.

It is hoped this service will be helpful to some of our residents.

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Patrol Officer: Ryan Mauch

Fire Chief: Verlin Hammerschmidt

Assistant Fire Chief: Kevin Klein

Calendar of Events

Feb.



- Feb. 4—Super Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 9 — Winter Olympics Begin
- Feb. 12—School Board Mtg. 7:30 pm
- Feb. 14 — Happy Valentine's Day!
- Feb. 14 — Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 19 — Presidents' Day
- Feb. 19 — City Council Mtg. 5:30 pm



Mar.

- Mar. 11—Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar. 12— School Board Mtg. 7:30 pm
- Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 19 — City Council Mtg. 5:30 pm
- Mar. 23 — National Puppy Day
- Mar. 30 — Good Friday —Office Closed

Apr.



- Apr. 1 — Easter
- Apr. 9 — School Board Mtg. 7:30 pm
- Apr. 16 — City Council Mtg. 5:30 pm
- Apr. 20 — Lima Bean Respect Day



If you have given up your land line, please let us know your cell number. Sometimes we need to reach you! Thanks.

Sewer averaging for the next year is figured on customers' consumption from Dec. 20—Mar. 20. The new rates will be reflected on the May bills.

Pet Tags Available



It's that time again. Your dog or cat needs a new tag for 2018. Deadline is before March 1. Cost is \$2.00 if spayed or neutered; \$5.00 otherwise. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required.



Victoria Post 175 will be hosting a Super Bowl Dinner and snack meal on Sunday, February 4th at 4:00 at the VFW Hall. Menu will consist of pulled pork, brisket, chili soup and snacks during the game. Game time is 5:30. Tickets will be available to purchase in advance from Dave Richardson (785-806-6095), Doug Kuhn (785-650-1058) and Harland Rupp (785-623-1368). Cost for the tickets is as follows: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12. Ticket price includes coffee, tea and water. If you are unable to get a ticket prior to the day, you can still purchase a meal at the door.



In our December newsletter the following businesses were not recognized in conjunction with Small Business Saturday:

Mini-Motors—25 years

R & S Oilfield Service, Inc. 48 years

By mistake, Jake Robben Construction was not acknowledged for their help in setting up the small stage for Herzogfest.

WINTER OLYMPICS SET TO BEGIN FEB. 9

Estimated cost for this Winter Olympics is \$10 billion dollars, five times less than the 2014 games in Sochi, which were the costliest ever.

A record 102 medals will be awarded in 15 different sports.



PyeongChang 2018

13 venues, split between PyeongChang and neighboring Gangneung will be used during the 17 days. Six new venues have been built, while others were renovated for this event.

For the first time, viewers in all U.S. time zones will have access to live coverage rather than delayed replay.



Attention ATV owners! If you have not renewed your license for 2018, your prior license has expired. Renewal cost is \$25. Please stop by the office with a copy of current insurance at your earliest convenience.

230! That is the number of our customers who pay their city bill by ACH (automatic withdrawal). If you would like to simplify your bill paying, we have the form to make that happen. Just let us know.



With the arrival of snow and icy weather, a reminder that City Ordinance requires property owners and/or occupants to remove all snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property within 12 hours after a snow or ice storm ends, in order to make the sidewalks safe for pedestrian travel. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Citywide garage sale, cleanup set

Spring is just around the corner and so the City is planning its annual citywide garage sale and community-wide cleanup.

The garage sale date is set for Saturday, April 28. As usual, residents wanting to advertise their sale can submit a short list of items and an \$8.00 fee and we will send information to the Hays and Russell newspapers as well as publish on our Facebook page. Deadline for getting this information to us will be April 16.

Dumpsters will also be available that weekend from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon at the recy-



Recognized for five years of service to the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department in December were Doug Kuhn, Jared Pfeifer and Robert Schmidt. Added to the ranks of the department in December was Dalton Dreiling.

Herzogfest Update

Herzogfest chairman Dace Winkelman thanks the community for supporting the December fundraising breakfast.

New committee members are Jesse Hattenbach, Jordan Robben, and Kala Stephens. Winkelman hopes people will extend a welcome to them.

Coming soon will be an online donation option that will be available through PayPal.

The committee is considering a softball tournament as a future fundraiser. Updates will be posted on the City Facebook page and web site. He encourages people to Like them on their Facebook page.

A future planning meeting will also be publicized as time draws closer. The public will be welcome to attend.



The staff at Victoria's First Care Clinic would like to remind residents that they are a primary care provider and as such can see patients for chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and screenings in addition to providing acute care for colds, flu, strep, etc. Their Victoria number is 785. 735. 3710.



Provided by
USD #432 Superintendent
David Ottley

USD #432 continues to plan for the future of our students. With the KESA (**Kansas Education Systems Accreditation**) process, we are exploring new ideas to improve our district and student outcomes. Two areas of focus are building relationships with the community and keeping our curriculum relevant and up-to-date to meet the needs for a statewide school redesign. The ultimate goal continues to be to ensure that our students are college and career ready.

Victoria High School students will now have the opportunity to take the **ACT test** at their own school, within the school day, and administered by their own counselor. Tuesday, April 3, 2018, the ACT will be administered at VHS. The cost to take the test in-district will be the same as the cost for the traditional style of testing: \$46.00 per student. Juniors and seniors are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. VHS hopes to continue offering this opportunity to its students with both a fall and a spring in-district testing option in the future. USD #432 hopes that this will help to alleviate much of the test anxiety that many students feel when taking this test by allowing them to take in familiar surroundings and by having it administered by people they know. Offering the test during the regular school day will hopefully be far more convenient to students than having to give up a Saturday to take the traditional test. Students will still be able to participate in the traditional Saturday national test dates that are offered on a monthly basis at the national testing sites in Hays and Russell if they so choose. If anyone has questions, please contact counselor Kori Braun.

Our next district **Site Council meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11 in the VJH/HS cafeteria. The meeting will run from 7:00—8:00 pm and those attending will have an opportunity to participate in the growth process of our district. Anyone is welcome to attend!

As always, I want to recognize the value of our community that is so proud of its past, yet so excited about its future. Our students are our best advertisement and our future. Please help USD #432 to build on our success of the past to ensure a bright future for all of our students.

VHS Seniors

have new learning option

For the second year, Victoria High School seniors have a new option as part of their academic experience. For one semester, they can choose to participate in the Career Exploration Program. This opportunity allows them to spend one hour of their school day observing and working at a job site of interest.

Students provide their own transportation and sign a contract to meet the expectations of the program as outlined by the school and the employer.

To date there have been students work at a nursing home, an automotive business, beauty salon and elementary school.

Students are evaluated during their term and receive a credit and a grade for their participation. High school counselor Kori Braun is the coordinator of the program.



Outgoing School Board members Karen Nowak and PJ Nowak were recognized at the December meeting by Superintendent David Ottley. PJ completed eight years and Karen four.