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HERZOGFEST VICTORIA, KS

The Herzogfest Committee is excited for you to join them at the 37th annual Herzogfest August 9-10! Headlining the free concert list is recording artist Bart Crow Band Friday at 9:00 p.m. The opening act will be Jaron Bell, who is also an up-and-coming artist on the Texas Music Chart.

Saturday's events will include the 10th Annual Car Show, the Herzog Heritage Market, Kinderfest, the 5K Color Run, the Corn Hole Tournament, the Herzogfest Jam Session, featuring several local artists, Bucket Beer Pong, Polka Mass and Music. New this year will be a watermelon feed sponsored by the Victoria CYO. And the most important part: the traditional Volga German food booths featuring creamed dumplings, bierocks, brats and more on both days. Saturday night's concerts will feature Candice and The Business Casual and DOC.

The Committee encourages everyone to log on to the website www.theherzogfest.com and follow on Facebook to take advantage of some giveaways and to keep current with the happenings of the festival.

In their words: "We want to give a shout-out to our sponsors and community. None of this would be possible without your support. We will see you at Herzogfest 2019 August 9 & 10!"

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Helping mom!
Dax Leikam is the water boy when he and his mom Katie tend their flower pot at Total Convenience Store. This is their second year to be part of the City's adopt-a-pot program.

A reminder that trash pickup will be on Tuesday, Sept. 3 due to the observance of Labor Day on Sept. 2.



With the recent incidents of severe weather, the City has received questions about how and when the sirens are activated.

According to Darin Myers, Director of Fire and Emergency Management, once the National Weather Service determines a storm is threatening our area, the sirens will be automatically sounded for a continuous three minutes. This is especially intended to alert individuals who are outdoors to take shelter.

If, after that initial alert is sounded, spotters determine the storm has changed its course, they can have the sirens sounded again for the same amount of time. It is possible that the sirens could go off several times in succession if authorities feel it is important to continue to warn the public. Each time they are sounded, a new alert has been given.

It is also important to note that **NO LONGER IS AN ALL-CLEAR SOUNDED.** By using their cell phones and weather radios, citizens can monitor and determine when the danger has passed.



City adopts new reconnect fees

Residents whose water is shut off for non-payment of their City bill will incur stiffer penalties due to a new Ordinance recently adopted. Beginning in August, the first shut off will require a \$50 reconnect fee plus payment of the entire bill; second shut-off will require a \$75 reconnect fee plus payment of the entire bill, third time and any future infractions will incur \$100 charge plus payment of the entire bill. A resident who has reached the \$100 penalty level must go a full calendar year without disconnection before the charge will revert to the \$50 amount.

Schmeidler growing her design business

Miranda Schmeidler of Victoria is an entrepreneur with many accomplishments and big plans for her in-home business In Style Baby Legs. Since 2016, she has been creating infants' and children's fashions featuring distressed denim.

Recently she was the winner of the Grow Hays version of Shark Tank, winning the \$500 prize for the ideas she pitched to a panel of three judges. She was one of five presenters given five minutes to present the essentials of her business venture.

In the beginning, her designs originated as a hobby after she became a new mom wanting to stay home with her first born—something fun to do while baby Dalton was napping.

Schmeidler credits social media for the growth of her business. She has a Facebook page, a website, Instagram and Twitter accounts, which she updates on a daily basis. She has a



PayPal account set up for her customers' payments. She is currently in search of a manufacturer for her own line of denim.

Looking into the future, Schmeidler foresees the day she will expand her business and open a shop, hire a crew of employees and continue to add new products to her line.

Each time the City offers citywide cleanup, the City incurs the cost for the dumpsters, the dumping fees and the manpower. This past spring, the cost was over \$4,500.

Thank You



Once again a group of Victoria citizens took the initiative to help enhance our town by adopting and tending a flower pot. Their efforts brought color and personality to the various locations. Thank you to Kris Dinkel, Sheena Gagnon, Ashley Kanzenbach, DJ Kuhn, Katie & Dax Leikam, Chelsey, Ryleigh, and Madisyn Leiker, the Ryan Lichter family, Joel & Camilla Mueller, Jlena Patterson, Jennifer Pfeifer, Nancy Piatt, Carla Pruitt, Edna Rupp, the Kent Schmeidler family, Jerry Schmidtberger, Karen Schueler, Cora Schulte, Gerti Staab, Amy Sterling, and Det Younger,



Speaking Of Trees

Due to the increased amount of rainfall this season, the City's trees, bushes, shrubs, and other vegetation have grown much more rapidly than normal.

Property owners are reminded that keeping their premises, sidewalks and alleys clear for vehicle and pedestrian access is their responsibility.

Some owners have already received letters warning of fines if this is not taken care of.

According to Police Chief Cole Dinkel, trees' growth needs to be at least eight to nine feet above the street, and sidewalks need to be clear of any growth within seven feet. Residents' cooperation in ensuring safety and easy access is appreciated.

If you are in need of tree removal or shrubbery trimming, Doug Marcum of Victoria would be happy to give you a free estimate and provide local references. He is available during the evenings and on weekends. He can be reached at 785.259.8140



Post 1751 would like to say thank you to Anthony Pfeifer for helping to set up the fund raiser with the Jimmy Dee Band. The help was greatly appreciated. While we did not raise the funds we hoped to raise, the amount received is greatly appreciated as we continue to raise funds to remodel the kitchen.

The hottest day of the year so far, and right in the middle of wheat harvest had an effect on the attendance.

Thank you to all the sponsors who helped to promote this project for our post. Thank you as well to all who provided items for the raffle. Some truly amazing items were raffled away.

Our bathrooms are finished and look great! We greatly appreciate all who helped with raising funds for that project and to Home Depot of Hays for providing us with a \$5,000.00 grant.



Victoria's senior volunteers were recognized at the June City Council meeting. Foster grandparents Kathy Kuhn and Marilyn Stoffel and senior companion Val Hammerschmidt completed another year of service. Board member Colleen Kuhn (far left) and program director Jolene Niernberger (far right) were present to summarize the two programs and to request that Council continue to fund their efforts.



Effective in mid-June with the passage of a new City ordinance, residents now have the option of watering their lawns one day per week. Those living south of 10th St. may water on Tuesdays; those living north of 10th may water on Thursdays. All watering is to be done before 10:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS



PERSONNEL

When school opens in August, there will be new personnel to meet and greet the students at both the junior/senior high and the elementary school.

Teaching in both buildings will be new art instructor Kaylene Gabel. She replaces Scott Lee, who had been in Victoria for 20 years.

A new first grade position will be filled by Amber Deutscher. Another new elementary teacher will be Elizabeth Jacques, whose areas will be pre-school and interventionist. Other elementary changes include Jessica Lang who will become full-time second grade teacher, replacing Brenda Dreiling who retired and Jeanne Brungardt who will be full-time fourth grade.

New teachers in the junior high will be Brenda Zahn, junior high language arts instructor, and Kaitlyn Hammond, social studies and math instructor.

Alexis Hertel will serve as the new library paraprofessional.

New coaches will be Parker Gates, assistant high school football, Megan Karst, assistant girls' tennis, and Christin Ozores, assistant junior high football.

FACILITIES

Thanks in large part to the generosity of the Dane Hansen Foundation, the library at the junior/senior high building has undergone a makeover. The grant for \$25,000 largely funded the renovation that included a new floor plan, furniture, learning stations and more, which will enable it to be used as a fulltime technology center by juniors and seniors enrolled in online elective classes. The balance of funds needed for the project was approved by the Board of Education. Counselor Kori Braun was the writer of the grant that brought this to fruition.

After years of discussion and planning and efforts at fundraising by school supporters, the new gymnasium floor is completed and ready for fall sports action! The project included removal of the old flooring, which was the original dating back sixty years. Work was done by Patterson Construction of LaCrosse and cost \$56,250.

Following the removal of the original floor, individuals were allowed to purchase pieces of it for sentimental reasons.

Artists Wanted!

The Victoria City Council invites members of the community to offer a design for the new water tower that will be erected in the Squires' Addition. This will be part of the City's new water project.

Anyone is welcome to submit a design for the Council's consideration. Submissions are due at City Hall by Friday, August 16, prior to the Council's meeting on Monday.

The winner of the design will receive a \$50 Visa gift card in appreciation of the effort. The Council does, however, reserve the right to NOT choose a design if none are deemed appropriate.

To get an idea of the shape of the tower, you can log on to Google and see the image of a spherical water tower.



Elementary school custodian Pam Scheck and elementary teacher Brittney Dannels partner up to do some planting of flowers in the front of the school. Funds were provided by an anonymous donor.

**Save the date! VHS Homecoming
is set for September 27 & 28.**