

Talk of the Town

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Residents making the best of restrictions

While Victoria citizens have been staying at home, the creativity to engage in activities to break the monotony and to be of help to others has been evident.

Notice stuffed bears on porches and in windows? That has been a way to engage children and parents in a fun bear hunt to see how many can be found.

Out for a walk? If so, you may have seen happy artwork and messages on sidewalks created by Victoria kiddos.

Did you miss the stream of cars and headlights on Main Street recently? That was a substantial number of residents re-enacting the old days of dragging Main, while still practicing social distancing. While the distance was short, the drivers' endurance was not. The event went on for two hours.

Heard about the shortage of masks for medical personnel and ordinary citizens? Several individuals have been at work using their stash of materials to provide those for different organizations.

Feeding the hungry? Staff members at Victoria Elementary rose to the occasion to see the lunch program continue.



Note: This photo was taken before strict regulations were in place.



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Due to the observance of Memorial Day on May 25, trash will be collected on Tuesday, May 26.

Update

The Citywide Garage Sale has tentatively been rescheduled for May 30 depending upon the status of things with the corona virus. The dumpsters will also be available that weekend on Friday from 4-8 pm, Saturday from 9 am —8 pm, and Sunday from 9 am — 4 pm.

If there is a need to cancel, the information will be available on **the City's FaceBook page**. Anyone wanting to advertise will need to drop off a list of items and an \$8.00 payment to cover the costs of advertising.

St. Fidelis News

St. Fidelis Parish has plans to continue its summer lunch program again this year once the school meal program is ended on May 21.

Details will be available in the church bulletin and on the church website. The commodities distribution will continue to be offered as in the past.

The church also maintains a food pantry to provide assistance to those in need, and requests for items stocked there can be made by contacting the parish office at 735-2777.

As soon as they are able, the parish also plans to re-open the thrift store.



I wanted to take a moment to express how proud I am of the entire staff at Victoria Schools. Let's all be mindful of the sacrifice, dedication and love of the profession that it takes to be a teacher, counselor, nurse, paraprofessional, secretary, food service worker, custodian, high school principal, board member, or parent in the world of COVID19. I'm grateful to be working beside the professional corps of educators that we have here in Victoria. Thank you for all you do. Stay safe!
 Kent Michel, Superintendent



USD 432 participated in Sunflower Bank's ABC Program supporting education for the 19th year. To date, the program has raised over \$1.3 million since its inception in 2001. As part of the program, all students, grades K-12, were invited to drop off their report cards to the Victoria branch for a chance to earn up to \$100 for their A's. If their report card was one of the five selected, Sunflower Bank will make a matching donation to the district in the fall. 2020 Victoria winners are Eric Braun, Cale Kuhn, Chase Schumacher, Derrius Mason and Jack Windholz.



The May City bills reflect the new sewer averages based on customers' usage from Dec. 20—Mar. 20. This average is kept for one year.

The City's watering policies for the upcoming months will remain the same as last year. Watering of shrubs and flowers and washing of cars is allowed any day during the appropriate hours. Residents may also water 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 am OR AFTER 7:00 pm.

A reminder that as the weather warms up and household projects are planned, the City requires building permits for items such as roofing, porch and deck construction, etc. The City also requires that contractors be licensed with the City. A list of all those licensed can be obtained at City Hall.

City pool manager Karen Nowak has tentative plans for the starting of pool season, depending upon the status of state regulations for the corona virus. If life resumes some normalcy, the opening day for pool patrons will be May 25. Two sets of swimming lessons will be from June 15-19 and June 22-26. As time nears, more information will be available on the City's FaceBook page.

Herzogfest Update

Happy May! We hope this letter finds you all well in these trying few weeks. The Herzogfest Committee would normally be hard at work with sponsorships in April and May but not being able to go around in person has really put us behind. We did decide to mail out sponsorship forms to our dedicated supporters with a letter from the heart and an intent to see you all in person soon. With the cancellation of our golf tournament fundraiser, we will rely even more on our generous sponsors. We are continuing our planning in hopes that everything will be back to normal by then and that everyone will be ready to celebrate the 38th Annual Herzogfest. As always, check our Facebook page to keep up on all the happenings. There will be some fun announcements coming soon. If you are interested in being on the committee or helping in anyway, please contact Ashley Kanzenbach at 785-639-0788 or Jordan Robben at 785-735-8078.



On Feb. 17, a group of young ladies participated in a Babysitting Training Wellness Class hosted by **Victoria Recreation Commission.**

These ladies learned fun activities to do with children of different age levels, how to prepare healthy meals and most importantly CPR and how to handle emergency situations like choking.

The participants truly enjoyed the experience and now are looking for some wonderful children they can share their knowledge and skills with. Victoria Recreation would like to thank them all for their participation.

Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in nine months and then one day in 2033 we shall witness the rise of the QUARANTEENS!

Thank You!

Thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, the City was able to purchase a new replacement generator for the sewer pump station. The City is most appreciative of the **Foundation's support.**



Has your family ever been interested in learning about a new culture? By hosting a foreign exchange student, you would have the opportunity to expand your family's horizons while making a dream come true for a student. With students available from almost every country, your family would be able to select a student that best fits its unique personality. Students are looking for one semester or two semester stays. Please visit with Kori Braun for more information: 785.735.4161.



Congratulations Class of 2020



Kail Brungardt



Nicholas Dreiling



Daphne Gross



Kirk Huser



Dayton Legleiter



Zoe Miller



Dallas Nowlin



Scarlett Nowlin



Heather Scheck



Joshua Schulte



Kiara Sweat



Alexis Truan



Logan Unrein



Jade Wagner



Jordan Wellbrock



Haylee Winter

Take pride in how far you've come... Have faith in how far you can go!