

Talk of the Town



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American Shooters held its Grand Opening on June 25 with a ribbon cutting with City Council members present and then prizes, food, and a bouncy house for kids throughout the remainder of the day.

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Message from your Mayor...

I would like to thank all of our citizens for their patience with our current water situation. We are very aware that people would like to see a change in the watering regulations. The Water Commission is working to find solutions and we will get the word out as soon as we have something to report. Also, the city water tower is scheduled to be serviced sometime in September.

After the recent storm there was considerable clean-up to be done around town. We really appreciated the efforts of many individuals including the following high school students who willingly gave of their time to help: Tyler Drew, Will Drew, Isaac Housley, Jerard Kisner, Taiten Kuhn, Christian Meuli, Alexia Oxenford, Keoni Sweat, Konnyr Sweat, Malichi Wilhelm, and Chris Wisneski. This is a fine example of what makes our community great!

If you are a resident who has not replied to the LMI survey that was mailed to your household, your help would be appreciated. To date we have not received enough responses to meet the requirements. The purpose of the survey is to enable the City to qualify for a Community Development Block Grant. If you misplaced the form, we have more at the City office.

Snow Cone Express of Hays owned by Jarett Gross has become a licensed vendor and will be making weekly visits to Victoria, parked next to the city pool.



Due to the observance of Labor Day, the City office will be closed on Sept. 5. Trash pickup will be on Tuesday, Sept. 6

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Calendar of Events

August



- 5— Labor Day (City Office Closed)
- 7—International Friendship Day
- 8— School Board Meeting
- 13—International Left-Handers Day
- 15—City Council Meeting
- 24— First Day of School
- 31—National Dog Day



September

- 5— Labor Day (City office closed)
- 11—Grandparents' Day
- 12— School Board Meeting
- 18 — National Cheeseburger Day
- 19—City Council Meeting
- 23-24 — VHS

October



- 9—15 Fire Prevention Week
- 10— School Board Meeting
- 17 — City Council Meeting
- 24—25 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 28—National Chocolate Day
- 31— Halloween

He's back! Residents may have noticed a familiar face has returned to the City staff. Terry Riedel has rejoined the City crew, replacing Scott Zimmerman. Terry will be reading meters, mowing, and doing all the other jobs which he had done for many years. Welcome back, Terry!



Representatives from the KU Cancer Center provided the pool staff and patrons with sunscreen, lip balm and sunglasses as part of an initiative to protect from the sun's harmful rays.



News from St. Fidelis

The St. Fidelis lunch program has been a huge success, averaging about 20 kids per day, except during Vacation Bible School when the average went up to 35. The program is funded by sales from the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop and donations from parishioners.

The coffee is on at the Parish Activity Center Thursday mornings at 9:30. Everyone is invited to stop by and share conversation and some delicious goodies provided by those who attend.

St. Fidelis hosted the Kandango bicyclists for breakfast and lunch June 10. They were bused here from Iowa and Nebraska. Approximately 150 of them biked to Victoria from Hays for breakfast fajitas cooked by Fr. John and then continued on to Pfeifer, returning for lunch, also prepared by Fr. John's grilling crew.



Keep your eyes open for **Sunflower Bank's Random Acts of Possibility** in our community. Stay tuned for details.

Need your lawn mowed? Call Caden Oberle at 735-8257.

Or Caleb Bazil 639-1015 & Taiten Kuhn 639-1698 for mowing and other odd yard jobs.



The City would like to thank all the citizens who helped add a touch of beauty to our town by planting and maintaining the city flowerpots. We appreciate Det Younger for being the organizer and the following individuals for their TLC in tending the flowers: Sara Boyd, Connie Dreiling, Sheena Gagnon, DJ Kuhn, Rosie Kreutzer Gladys Pfeifer, Mary Pfeifer, Nancy Piatt, Carla Pruitt, Cora Schulte, Gerti Staab, Verda Werner, and Det Younger.

HERZOGFEST 2016

Friday, August 5, 2016

Saturday, August 6, 2016

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5:00 pm - Grounds & Vendors Open
 5:00 pm - Fun Cycles & Banana Bikes
 5:00 pm - FREE Swimming / Games
(sponsored by Hays

Med)

6:30 pm - Welcome Ceremony
 7:00 pm - Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations
 9:30 pm - Big Time Grain Company

All entertainment is FREE! Food available for purchase.

Tournaments and some special events have entry fees.

8:00 am - 5K Run/Walk
(sponsored by Nex-Tech & VHS)
 8:00 am - 2:30 pm [Herzogfest 6th Annual Rod, Custom, and Cycle Show](#)
(sponsored by Weber Body Shop)

9:00 am - 3 on 3 Basketball, Soccer, & Tennis (Registration 8:30) Location: West of Victoria Elementary School *(Sponsored by D & L Body Shop)*

10:00 am - Grounds & Vendors Open
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Free Cancer Screening at K of C Hall *(Sponsored by Ronald J. Wasinger Melanoma Research Fund, Midwest Cancer Alliance, & University of Kansas Cancer Center)*

10:30 am - Horseshoes
 10:30 am - Inflatables *(sponsored by Grand Rental Station)*

12:00 pm - Bingo *(Sponsored by Aleck & Sandy McAlonan and St. Fidelis Christian Mothers)*

1:00 pm - Eagle Radio Kids Pedal Pull (registration at 12:30)

1:00 pm - FREE Swimming/Games *(sponsored by Hays Medical Center)*

2:30 pm - Awards for Rod, Custom, & Cycle Show

4:00 pm - Polka Mass

5:00 pm - Fun Cycles & Banana Bikes

5:00 pm - Wes Windholz Band

7:00 pm - Flatspin

7:30 pm - Pinochle

9:00 pm - Lucas Maddy & The Kansas Cartel

Entry forms as well as deadlines for the 5K, basketball, soccer and tennis events are available at www.herzogfest.com. No entry fees will be charged for any of these activities. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place winners.



Good News! The City recently received word that the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a grant from the Dane Hansen Foundation in the amount of \$10,000. The funds are allocated to purchase bunker gear to outfit our volunteers. We are grateful to have this additional means to make such a vital purchase.



Provided by USD #432 Superintendent David Ottley

It seems like only yesterday we enjoyed graduation, play day, and wished our students a happy summer. Soon we will be welcoming our students back for a fantastic 2016-2017 school year!

While the schools are relatively empty, we still have a lot going on. Mrs. Connie Braun took six VJSHS students to San Diego for the National **FCCLA StarEvents**. Two groups of students competed at this national event. Ally Dinkel, Tiffany Dortland and Kali Weber earned Silver in Sports Nutrition. Madisyn Gerhardt, Julia Nowak and Hannah Radke earned Gold in Interior Design. Congratulations to Mrs. Braun and her students for representing us in such a Championship Manner!

Also, our students are busy with summer weights, camps and open gyms for basketball and volleyball. Our new flagpoles are completed and installed at both buildings. John Dreiling and Wade Schmidtberger are doing an outstanding job of repairing, fabricating and installing many things for our district. Our summer maintenance crew and office staff are working hard to keep up with mowing, trimming, general cleaning, painting, office work and improvements to our facilities. Their time, effort and talent are greatly appreciated!

We are busy with the implementation of our **south side window project at VJSHS**, which will make the south side classrooms more energy efficient and provide an updated look for the exterior of the school. It is a unique and cost effective solution to our dated windows.

Again, all school districts in Kansas will function under the "Block Grant" funding system put in place two years ago by our State Legislature. We will receive the same dollars as the previous two years. On a positive note, **the \$134,000** that our district received by requesting it through the Extraordinary Needs funding opportunity will be applied to our local option budget. This will provide you, the taxpayer, several mills of tax relief for the 2016-2017-budget year.

As always, I want to recognize the value of a 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.



Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach recognized Keia Fernandes as an Honorary Citizen of Victoria at the completion of her exchange year at Victoria High School. Her host parent was Diane Crawford.



The Victoria Alumni Association has a full slate of activities scheduled for Homecoming Weekend set for Sept. 23-24, including honoring its new inductees to the Hall of Fame, Chris Janzen, Gene Wellbrock, and Tammi Kippes Sauer. Alumni and all Victoria residents are encouraged to check out the website for details about the golf tournament, social, parade, Mass, and more.

With the start of school on the horizon, drivers are reminded to be on the alert for changes in speed limits required in school zones as well as for kids on their bikes or at intersections.

