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City of Victoria Water Committee Report

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The Water Committee presents the following updates/information to the citizens of Victoria:

Three aquifer monitoring wells will be drilled in our well field this week. The locations for these wells have been selected by Terrane Resources, a geological company that we have been working with for approximately 4 years to determine different statistics and information in regards to our wellfield. These wells will allow the city to measure levels in the entire aquifer, not just at the actual well locations, as has been done in the past.

Our negotiations with Trego 2 Rural Water District have continued through attending several more meetings and much discussion via phone calls, emails, etc. We now know that the possibility for obtaining water from Trego 2 exists with their current infrastructure. However, a final commitment from their board must be obtained. After the final commitment is obtained, we will have to hire an engineering firm to design a water transfer line from their infrastructure into the city, determine associated costs, and obtain funds to complete this line. The water from Trego 2 is very high quality Ogallala Aquifer water, which would be very compatible with our water.

We have also had one meeting with the City of Ellis in regards to water. Discussions with Ellis are very preliminary and are based around the fact that Ellis has drilled two high-producing wells west of the city. Ellis is open to continuing discussions with us in the future directed towards being able to obtain water from them. This possibility is not something that will happen quickly as there has not been any engineering completed as to how to transfer that water. However, the water is very good quality and would blend extremely well with our water.

We have completed further research on water from Post Rock Rural Water (Kanopolis Lake) and continue to meet obstacles with blending their water with ours. Post Rock is surface water and ours is alluvial, ground water. There are special treatments of surface water that have to be done to make it compatible in our water system. These treatments are expensive and we do not have the facilities to treat this type of water. We will continue to keep Post Rock on the list of sources for water. However, as mentioned above, it cannot simply be blended with our water without treatment and produce an acceptable quality product to the end user.

Finally, we are compiling information that will be used in possibly making changes to our water conservation stages. Any changes we may suggest will have to be discussed with City Council and meet their final approval. One of the major factors being evaluated in this process is visiting with other cities to see what they are currently doing for conservation and how it is working for them.

We will continue to provide updates as they become available. Recent soaking precipitation continues to provide hope.

Respectfully, Harland Rupp, Brad Schmidtberger, Mark Karst, Curt Unrein

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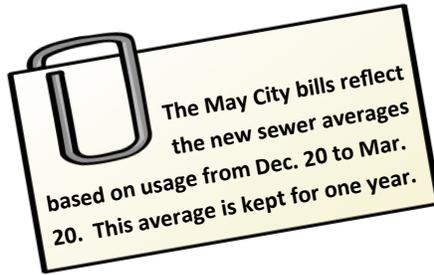
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NEW!

← **Kylie Bleske, message therapist, is open for business in Victoria one weekend a month. In addition to one-hour and half-hour massages, she also offers ear candling and essential oils. You can call or text her at 785 743-8423 to schedule an appointment. She also hopes residents will check out her Facebook page: Competitive Edge.**



Thank you! At the February City Council meeting, Fire Chief Verlin Hammerschmidt was recognized for his 40 years of service. Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach presented him with an etched mirror designed by Rick Rupp.



The City Office will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. Trash will be collected on Tuesday, the 30th.



City Council members Erica Dinges, Dustin Schumacher, Jerry Brungardt and Leroy Schmidtberger recently helped celebrate the opening of Victoria's newest business, Bob Schwarz Financial Planning. Pictured with Schwarz are his son Cole and wife Deborah. Schwarz brings 35 years of experience to his work as a certified financial planner. He also maintains an office in Silver Lake, Kansas.

Speaking of trash: the City crew requests that residents have trash bagged when placing it in receptacles as well as when leaving it curbside.



Pool number: 783-2387

City Pool opens May 29!

Karen Nowak and Haley Robben are set to be the pool managers for this summer. They have been making plans and working with the City Council and City work crew to ensure facilities are ready for opening day.

Prices for admission are as follows: Family pass, \$55; one adult, \$20; second adult, \$15; one child, \$16; second child, \$14. Daily charges are \$1.00 ages 5-15 and \$2.00 for adults.

The staff will be willing to hold a mid-morning aerobics/adult swim time if there is enough interest.

Hours will be 1-7-00 Fri- Mon.; Mondays 7-8:00 adult swim; Tues, Wed. 1-8:00; Thurs. 1-10:00.



Kristal Dechant of Victoria was one of the residents who took advantage of the Hoisington Veterinary Mobile Unit that visited the city in February. Desirae Hosmer (above) and Dr. Lindsay Mitchell were on hand to do routine animal exams and vaccinations.

NOTICE

Changes in Election Dates

Anyone interested in filing for a City position as mayor or council member must file by noon on June 1st at the Ellis County Clerk's office in Hays. As a result of recent legislative changes, elections will be held in November instead of April and the new officials will take over in January. There is a filing fee.

Parish to continue summer lunch program

For the third year, St. Fidelis Parish will sponsor a summer lunch program beginning Mar 30 -July 28. Lunch will be served Monday-Friday at the PAC center from 11:00-11:30. All are welcome.

To help defray the cost of the program, the Junior CYO will hold a bake sale on Saturday, May 20 from 10-12 and Sunday, May 21 from 11-12:00.

The PAC center is accepting donations to help with this program. A list of suggested items can be obtained from the Religious Ed office if anyone is interested in supporting this effort.

Herzogfest Update

The Herzogfest Committee, responsible for organizing the annual community celebration, has a new slate of officers. At a community meeting, those in attendance elected the following officers: Dace Winkelman, president, Marge Rome, vice-president, Ashley Kanzenbach, secretary, Carol Freitag, treasurer, Gus Pfanenstiel and Ashley Wellbrock, marketing and social media representatives.

Herzogfest is set for Aug. 4-5. According to Winkelman, attendees will find some changes. Plans are for musical performers throughout the day on Saturday, the car show will be bigger than in past years, and more vendor options will be available.

Winkelman stated that one of the goals of the new team is to attract more of the younger generation to the scheduled events.

Sunflower Bank is happy to announce that its newest Consumer Lender is Gina Oberle. Come see her at Sunflower Bank, 401 Main St in Victoria (785-735-2201) for all your lending needs. Gina brings over 10 years of banking experience to Sunflower Bank and would be happy to help you.



Provided by
USD #432 Superintendent
David Ottley

USD #432 students and staff are excited for spring and the opportunities it brings. Our students, PK – 12th, are involved in many activities, creating projects and focusing on career paths under the guidance of the VJSHS staff. I am proud of my staff and the time and effort that they put into promoting excellence for all students! It is truly the people of a district, both staff and students, that ensure its success.

The community of Victoria is much the same. The patrons of our district continue to support their schools financially and through acts of kindness. Our town is something to promote and be proud of! Our elementary school just held its annual PTO Ice Cream Social and Open House and Showcase. May 10 is VJSHS Awards Night. All are welcome to come and walk the halls and see what is going on in your schools.

The Victoria USD #432 Foundation, Inc. is in place. Through the Foundation, alumni, parents, businesses and other supporters can improve the opportunities for our students in the classroom and beyond. Its mission is to support the Victoria school district in its pursuit of excellence. It is our goal to provide funding for a creative and challenging curriculum to meet the needs of students as they move forward to a post-secondary opportunity. The Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation pursuant to IRS regulations. Please visit www.usd432.org to learn more about the goals of the Foundation.

The Board of Education recently revisited our Capital Outlay Strategic Plan and evaluated areas of concern and prioritized facility needs going forward including the following: track maintenance, VJSHS gym roof, walk-in refrigerator and freezer at VES, an elevator at VES, and many smaller items. This planning allows us to make every effort to address issues before they become major problems. If you are passionate about helping with any of our capital projects, the Foundation is a great place to start.

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.

WANTED

Families interested in providing a happy home for a foreign exchange student for the 2017-18 school year. Students come with their own medical insurance and spending money. Anyone interested in learning more about the opportunity should contact Kori Braun at (785) 735.4161.



Congratulations to our Victoria Chapter of FCCLA and sponsor Connie Braun on another great year! As a result of state competition in Wichita in April, the following members will be headed to Nashville to the national meeting in July: Madisyn Gerhardt, Julia Nowak, Ashlyn Hammerschmidt, Sienna Hockersmith, seniors; Hannah Radke, junior; Ally Dinkel, Kali Weber, Ashlyn Windholz, sophomores; Ryleigh Wagner, Haylee Winter, freshmen. Others attending because of leadership roles are Megan Karst, Aspen Schoenrock, juniors, and Chantel Whisman, sophomore.

VHS to add new program



Victoria High School students interested in agriculture will have two new classes to choose from at enrollment in the fall. Introduction to Agriculture will be taught by part-time agriculture instructor Jay Harris, and Plant and Soil Science will be taught by Ken Schoenrock.

The following year, 2018-19, two additional classes will be added: an agribusiness class for high school and an introductory course for eighth graders.

Counselor Kori Braun remarked, "Not only does this offer an agriculture option to our students, but it will also strengthen our science program, and incorporate a business option as well. "

Implementing this Agriculture Pathway will also allow VHS to create a chapter of FFA (Future Farmers of America).

The District is currently exploring options for funding this new program. Anyone interested in helping fund this is encouraged to contact Superintendent David Ottley at the District office for more information and details.