

# Talk of the Town

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## Dave Gagnon accepts Council position

After a vacancy of several months, Dave Gagnon took the oath of office to fill the vacancy of Kenny Pfeifer at the August Council meeting. Gagnon was Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach's second nominee for the post.

While being a resident of Victoria for 25 years, this is his first time to hold a position in public service. He and his wife Lisa are both from small towns and raised their three children here. All three attended Victoria schools and still live in the community. Dave and his son Connor both serve as members of the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department.

Employed by the U.S. Postal Service, Dave is a postal carrier in Hays. Thinking about his upcoming term, he stated: "I hope to try to do what's best for the city."

Thank you,

Victoria Firefighters



Every year during October the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department sponsors activities for our district students to raise awareness about fire-related topics.

The City owes each of them a debt of gratitude for their dedication and service for this and all that they do throughout the year.

Thank you Verlin Hammerschmidt, Kevin Klein, Chris Brungardt, Cole Dreiling, Connor Gagnon, Dave Gagnon, Brenton Hoffman, Doug Kuhn, Dylan Kuhn, Nathan Kuhn, Eric McAlonan, Jared Pfeifer, David Richardson, Terry Riedel, Dan Rogers, Robert Schmidt, Tom Tholen, John Weber, Kami Weber, and Scott Wellbrock.



New City Councilman Dave Gagnon signs his oath of office at the September Council meeting. His term extends to November of 2017.

City Hall Closed



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Police Chief: Cole Dinkel

Patrol Officer: Ryan Mauch

# Calendar of Events

## November



- 6—Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 8—Election Day
- 11—Veterans' Day (Office closed)
- 14—School Board Meeting (7:30)
- 21—City Council Meeting (5:30)
- 24—Happy Thanksgiving!
- 26—Small Business Saturday



## December

- 7—Pearl Harbor Remembrance
- 12—School Board Meeting (7:30)
- 19—City Council Meeting (5:30)
- 21—Winter Solstice \*
- 25—Merry Christmas!

## January



- 1—Happy New Year!
- 9—School Board Meeting (7:30)
- 16—City Council Meeting (5:30)
- 16—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
(City Hall Open)
- 20—Inauguration Day

**Call us!** If you are one of our citizens who has eliminated your landline and only have a cell phone, please contact us and let us update our records. Sometimes we need to contact you and without a current number, that is a problem. Thanks for helping us.



**Sorry!** The copies of our September bills contained a clerical error showing a due date of Sept. 13. That was our mistake and we apologize for any inconvenience. The due date is always the 16th of the month.

### Customer Services

We continue to offer our citizens the option to receive their monthly bill by email. Contact us if you are interested in that.

We also provide the option to have your monthly payment drafted from your checking account. This requires filling out a form and providing us with a copy of a voided check. This is an easy way to eliminate the worry of paying on time.

Residents aged 65 or over qualify for a **reduced rate** on their trash fee. We have the form in our office and this requires a driver's license to validate your age.

**UPS pickup** is also a service. We are a pickup location so you can drop off pre-labeled packages or we can process your package for you.



### Trash Reminders

The City is asking for your cooperation with the solid waste removal program. Please do not put out open containers or trash bags in pickup area until the DAY OF collection. This will help prevent the spread of trash due to weather conditions, animals, etc.

Trash cans 30 gallons or smaller may have unbagged trash; any larger must have trash bagged for removal. City employees are not allowed to lift containers larger than 30 gal. or exceeding 80 lbs. Larger containers are allowed as long as trash is bagged.

Please try to limit refuse to approximately 4-30 gal containers maximum. The City does understand that certain holidays, occasions generate additional refuse and such will be acceptable. A household that consistently generates more refuse than this maximum may be subject to a higher fee.

Please have all trash curbside or at pickup point by 8:00 am on collection days to guarantee pickup.

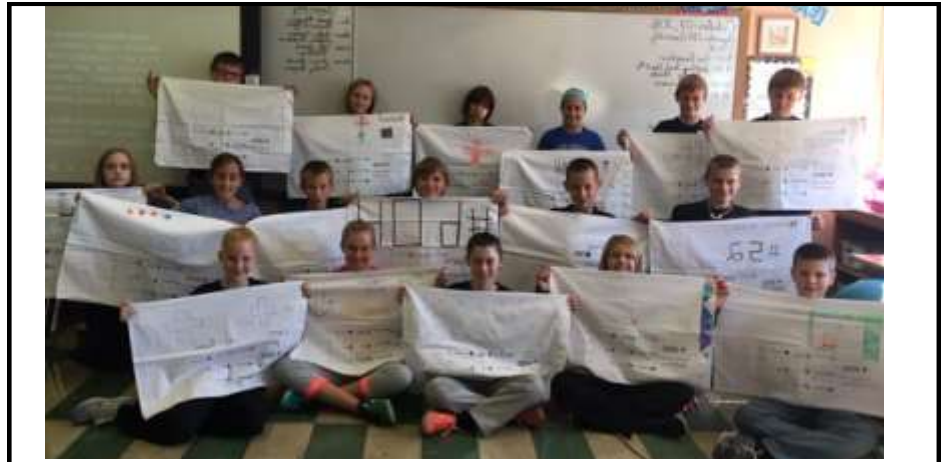
Thank you for helping keep our town clean!



The winter solstice happens in the Northern Hemisphere on December 21 or 22; and, in the Southern Hemisphere on June 21 or 22. It is the shortest day of the year or the day with the longest night time. (However you want to look at it, it's dark! It's usually also very cold.)



City Councilmen Jerry Brungardt and Dustin Schumacher load up the candy to distribute at the Victoria Homecoming parade.



Representatives of the American Red Cross worked with members of the VES sixth grade instructing them on preparedness for a disaster. Each student designed a pillow case listing what essential belongings they would need in the event that evacuation was necessary. This was part of the activities during Fire Prevention Week.



### Bank employees spread community cheer

Members of the Victoria branch of Sunflower Bank have had a good time recently surprising various groups and individuals during their recent campaign called "Random Acts of Possibility."

\*One of their favorites was surprising members of the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department with a pizza party at one of its monthly meetings.

\*Daycare providers and their children received care packages that included coloring books, Playdough and more.

\*In an event they called "Splash" they surprised all the kids at the Victoria pool one afternoon and bought them all treats.

\*All school district employees were treated to cupcakes on one of their back-to-school in-service days.

\*Students and teachers at the elementary school also received ice cream at the end of a recent school day.

"These are just small ways we can show the community our appreciation," stated Gina Oberle CSR/teller.

### St. Fidelis Thrift store moves to new site

At the end of August, volunteers at the St. Fidelis Thrift and Gift shop spent their days moving merchandise from the three store fronts on Main St. into the former Knights of Columbus building. The new arrangement allows for all merchandise to be under the same roof: household items on the first floor and all clothing and shoes on the lower level.

The new arrangement also has tables and chairs near the kitchen so that meals and other gatherings can take place there.

The store is entering its third year of operation.

**From the Victoria Recreation Commission: Anyone using the basketball courts is asked to be sure to turn the lights off when leaving the premises. They are not on a timer! Your help is appreciated.**

Victoria's First Care Clinic held a Meet and Greet after hours event in September to provide a time for residents to become more familiar with the staff and their services. Pictured are Janie Tholen, Rhonda Myerhoff, Rhiannon Maier, and Dani Windholz.





Provided by  
USD #432 Superintendent  
David Ottley



Victoria native  
honored by  
Alumni Association

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a wonderful start! In July, Shelly Huser, Summer Moeckel, Kim Nowak, Christie Sander, Dylan Dronberger, and Jordan Ottley led our 3rd Annual iPad Academy held at USD #432. They shared skills and strategies learned over the last year and information gathered at the International Society for Technology in Education Conference. They shared and learned with 75 educators from the area. They did a wonderful job presenting and representing USD#432!

USD #432 invited Ellis, LaCrosse and Plainville to join us for a regional in-service day on Monday, October 10 at Victoria. It was a day of sharing and learning. Topics included: activities that work, hands-on in your classroom, rigor and relevance, what does learning look like, homework and our ever-evolving curriculum. Teachers had flexibility to build in their own questions for discussion time and sharing.

VJSHS has been using Career Cruising for several years. I would like to recognize Kori Braun and Stu Moeckel for their excellence with implementing this individual plan of study for our students. Both Mrs. Braun and Mr. Moeckel have presented on the use, implementation and value of Career Cruising to local administrators and counselors. In November, they will be presenting on Career Cruising at the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals Conference. Individual plans of study are now an educational mandate in Kansas.

I would like to thank the Victoria Fire Department for their efforts in making our VES Fire Safety Day a huge success again this year! Also, Chief Dinkel and Officer Mauch continue to connect with our youth and keep our community safe. Chief Dinkel does an amazing job with the PATROL program (police and teachers recognizing outstanding learners). Our community is very fortunate to have such dedicated men and women serving and protecting us!

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.

When Victoria native Tammi Kippes Sauer came home to visit her family recently, there was more to her visit than usual. She was honored by the Victoria Alumni Association as the youngest inductee into its Alumni Hall of Fame during the annual homecoming festivities.

Sauer, who lives in Edmond, Oklahoma, **has gained fame as a children's author.** She currently has 16 books in print with another 12 in various stages of production.

While in Victoria, she also made author presentations to all Victoria Elementary students K-6. She came with piles of books autographed and ready to be handed out to students, who had pre-ordered in anticipation of her visit.

Her most recent book *Your Alien* has been released in Spanish, Korean, French and Italian.

Sauer was also here to attend her 25-year class reunion. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Ron. They have two children, Julia and Mason.



**Good Citizens!** Several high school students were recognized at the September City Council meeting for assisting with clean-up efforts from the July storm. Pictured are Malachi Wilhelm, Tyler Drew, Taiten Kuhn, Councilman Leroy Schmidtberger, Wil Drew, Alexia Oxenford, and Christian Meuli. Not pictured: Chris Wisneski, Isaac Housley, Jerard Kisner, Keoni Sweat, and Konnyr Sweat.