

Talk of the Town

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SMALL BUSINESS
SATURDAY

SATURDAY, Nov. 25, will be observed nationally as Small Business Saturday, a time to patronize and recognize the value of local businesses and their impact on local economies. So we are taking this opportunity to thank the local merchants and businesses that make up Victoria's business base and acknowledge their years in operation.

255 Convenience — 6 years

Billinger Insurance —

Bob Schwarz Agency — 6 months

Color Pallet — 3 years

Dreiling Pump & Supply — 3 1/2 years

Express Well — 36 years

First Care Clinic — 2 years

Gaspar Auto Trim & Upholstery — 13 years

Gorham State Bank (Victoria) — 15 years

Heartland Coca Cola Plant — 28 years

His & Hers Styling Station — 33 years

J & S Smoke Shop — 6 months

Keithley Funeral Services — 1 year

The Library — 37 years

Pfeifer's Inc. — 62 years

Joe Robben Insurance — 45 years

Robben Oil — 33 years

Rupp Arts & Signs — 45 years

Simons Tax Preparation — 1 year

St. Fidelis Thrift & Gift — 4 years

Schmidtberger Construction —

Smoky Hill Meat Packing — 19 years

Sunflower Bank (Farmers National Bank)
84 years

Tresses — 10 years

Total Convenience — 22 years

Victoria City Liquor — 11 years

Victoria City Motors — 18 years

United Ag Service, Inc. — 34 years

Verlin's Cabinets — 43 years

Victoria Lumber Co. — 9 years

Weber Body Shop — 25 years

Wellbrock's Repair — 29 years

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Congratulations to Victoria's **First Care Clinic** for a national recognition! The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) recognized the clinic for using "evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships." Victoria residents are lucky to have them serving us.



REMEMBER

TO VOTE

NOVEMBER 7TH

Calendar of Events

Nov.



5— Daylight Savings Ends

7— Election Day

11— Veterans' Day

13— School Board Meeting (7:30)

20— City Council Meeting (5:30)



Dec.

11— School Board Meeting (7:30)

18— City Council Meeting (5:30)

22— City Office Closed

25— Christmas—City Office Closed

Jan.



1— New Year's Day—City Office Closed

8— School Board Meeting (7:30)

15— City Council Meeting (5:30)
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

28— Rubber Duckie Day

29— Happy Birthday, Kansas!

We have lists!

- ◆ Daycare providers
- ◆ Rental properties
- ◆ Building contractors, plumbers, electricians
- ◆ Give us a call!

Thank you!

To outgoing Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach and to outgoing Council members Jerry Brungardt, David Gagnon, and Leroy Schmidtberger. Your service to the City of Victoria is sincerely appreciated.



Effective Nov. 1, the new city water rates have been revised by city ordinance. Tiers will remain the same but will NOT be retroactive! A copy of the ordinance can be found on the **city's website**.

2018 pet tags will be available for purchase after Jan. 1. Deadline is March 1. All dogs and cats over 6 month of age are required to have a tag.



Thanksgiving Fun Fact

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long. It was baked on October 8, 2005 by the New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers in Ohio, and included 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs, 300 pounds of sugar, 3.5 pounds of salt, 7 pounds of cinnamon, 2 pounds of pumpkin spice and 250 pounds of crust.

Courtesy of the Post Office, the City has a pamphlet of tips to avoid scams and frauds. If you are interested, stop by the office and pick up a copy.



What is a Veteran?

A Veteran-whether active duty, discharged, retired or

reserve--is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable



FOR ALL WHO HAVE ATV LICENSES, A REMINDER THAT THOSE LICENSES NEED TO BE RENEWED AFTER JAN. 1ST. PLEASE BRING CURRENT PROOF OF INSURANCE WHEN COMING IN TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENT.



If you have given up your land line, please let us know your cell number. Sometimes we need to reach you! Thanks.



Provided by
USD #432 Superintendent
David Ottley

The USD #432 school year is off to a fantastic start! Our staff continues to amaze me with their dedication to excellence. I appreciate all that they do to ensure that we are ready for the school year and ready to be our best for the students that we serve. Speaking of outstanding students, Victoria schools are full of them! It is impressive to see the level of participation by our students. We truly have wonderful students that are growing up to be prepared for a variety of post-secondary opportunities. ***

On Monday, October 9, all USD #432 teachers joined nine school districts, over 700 educators, and participated in the "Sharing Our Best" regional inservice hosted by FHSU. It was a day of sharing and learning. Two groups of Victoria staff members presented in the morning, and each staff member shared a best practice with their specific group in the afternoon. ***

VJSHS is excited to have Miss **Jacy Littrell** on staff to implement our new FFA program. Miss Littrell is teaching an Introduction to Agriculture class and getting our students involved in FFA activities outside of school. Mr. Ken Schoenrock is teaching a Plant and Soil Science class. We are impressed with the support offered for this new opportunity for our students and look forward to seeing our FFA program and curricular offerings grow. ***

I would like to thank the **Victoria Rural Fire Department** for their efforts in making our VES Fire Safety Day a huge success again this year! Our students always love visiting the fire station. ***

On November 10, USD #432 will be hosting a special Veteran's Day Appreciation program. This will be held at 8:00 a.m. at the VES gym. If you are a veteran we would love for you to attend and allow us to celebrate you on this special day. For more information, please call the elementary school at 785-735-2870. ***

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.



Victoria Teacher Receives Award

Karla Bieber, Victoria Junior/Senior High special education teacher, received a special honor at the beginning of the school year. She was one of the first two recipients of the Golden Apple Award, presented by Dr. Raj Sharma, director of Special Education for the Hays Cooperative. She is in her third year in Victoria.

Bieber was nominated by Victoria faculty member **Connie Braun**, for "going above and beyond for her students."

Bieber says, "I really love working here in the Victoria District. Everyone is welcoming and supportive; the atmosphere is so positive and upbeat. You can always see or hear someone offering kind words or help to each other. That includes everyone: administration, secretaries, our cook and janitors, teachers, students and parents. From the very start I felt like this was home. Good values, good people, great place!"



Victoria Elementary has a new Grandma. Kathy Kuhn has joined the foster grandparent program helping in classrooms and the library.



The newly-formed Victoria Chapter of FFA now has 25 members. During October, they will be selling fruit, meat, cheese, candies and Yankee candles as a fundraiser. They are getting ready to order their FFA jackets. If anyone or any business would like to sponsor an FFA student and help buy a jacket, the chapter would really appreciate it. Contact Jacy Littrell at the high school.

VHS Fall Play



I Don't Have a Clue

Nov. 11, 7:00 p.m.

Candidate

My name is John Schulte and I am your candidate for mayor. I grew up on our family farm 2 miles east of Victoria, graduating from VHS in 1996 and FHSU in 2001 with a major in Organizational Leadership Studies and a minor in Computers. Then I moved back to the farm and began farming with my parents and my brother. I also worked part-time for the Kansas Grain Inspection Service from 2002 to 2014. I moved into Victoria in 2004.

In 2005, I was appointed to the Victoria Planning Commission, also known as the Zoning Board, and was elected Vice-Chair. I was somewhat hesitant to accept the position, but was assured it was merely a formality because W. Pat Dreiling was the Chairman, and he never missed a meeting. At the very next meeting, Pat wasn't able to attend, and I was thrown into the deep end, and had to run the meeting without any preparation. Pat resigned shortly thereafter, and I have been the Chair ever since.

Most of the time, the Planning meetings have not been contentious, but there have been a few when I knew that I was going to have somebody mad at me and the other Commission members for either allowing a project to proceed or by blocking a project. I've done my best to set those sentiments aside, and vote for what I thought was right.

In addition to the Victoria Planning Commission, I also serve on the Ellis County Joint Planning Commission (county zoning board), St. Fidelis Pastoral Council, and as the Vice-President of the VHS Alumni Association. All of these posts have brought me into contact with a wide variety of officials from the school district, Ellis County, and the St. Fidelis. Hopefully, I will be able to coordinate with these officials to make life in Victoria comfortable and enjoyable for everyone.



The 35th Annual Herzogfest was a tremendous success this year. We saw record attendance Friday night, and especially early Saturday morning, with our First Herzogfest Heritage Market. There was delicious food, awesome Kansas-local entertainment, and nothing but positive feedback from those who attended.

The Herzogfest Committee would like to thank the community for attending and supporting local businesses. Food vendors who worked very hard to make delicious food did an outstanding job keeping up with the hungry crowd. Also, all those who helped set up, tear down, and clean up the festival grounds—we cannot thank you enough! A special thanks to Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach, all the city workers who helped tidy up the festival grounds, Jay Dinkel Construction for setting up the small stage and also the Victoria football team, who helped with the setup and teardown of everything. To John Weber for promoting the biggest car show in eight years and to Western Beverage for the posters and advertisements. **A million “thank you’s” would not be enough to express how the Herzogfest Committee feels about all the donations collected, the help and assistance provided, vendors who attended, and all those who supported this event and the city of Victoria. But, again, the Herzogfest Committee thanks you!**



The public is invited to enjoy social hours at the Victoria VFW on Friday evenings from 8:00—11:00 pm. Snacks and drinks are available.

The new air conditioner has been installed, and donations are now being sought to help with the cost involved. If you are interested, please make your check payable to Post 1751 and mail it to P O Box 23, Victoria, Kansas.

Note from the Mayor:

Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to keep alleys mowed and free of debris. It is also not allowed for them to use those areas for the planting of trees, shrubs or gardens.

Meet the Council Candidates

I am James Pfanenstiel and I am running for a position on the City Council. My wife JoAnn and I, along with our three children, Craig, Cheri, and Curtis moved to Victoria in 1969.

My work and service record is as follows:

- ◆ Graduate of KSU 1964
- ◆ Victoria High School Principal 1969-74
- ◆ New York Life Insurance Agent 1974-2015
- ◆ President, Western Kansas Council on Estate Planning & Giving 2001-02
- ◆ President of Northwest Kansas Association of Life Underwriters 1979-80
- ◆ Member of the Basilica of St. Fidelis
- ◆ Charter Member of the Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund 1989-present
- ◆ President of the Board of Directors 1989-2009
- ◆ USD #432 School Board Member 1975-79

My experience should provide confidence to make positive decisions for our community that will 'Make VICTORIA great again.' I promise to be a very active council member and welcome any and all communications from our citizens. I would appreciate your vote on November 7, 2017.



My name is Ryan Lichter. On Nov. 7, you will see my name on the ballot for Victoria City Council. I have resided here for the past 13 years with my wife Tammy. During that time, we have started a family: two beautiful daughters; Brinly and Hadley. Also in that time I have made many new friends and have met a number of great people. Since moving here, it has been my goal to be as involved as possible. I am an active member at St. Fidelis and have served two terms (one as acting President) on the Religious Education Board and volunteered my time as a Eucharistic Minister on occasion. I am a member of the Victoria Knights of Columbus and an active member of the Herzogfest Committee which, I believe, helped orchestrate one of the best Herzogfests this past summer. I have volunteered as a coach for soccer, volleyball, softball and basketball through the Victoria Recreation Commission, which has helped me get to know the families and children of the community. I have also volunteered as the Thurs. morning cross-walk guard at Victoria Elementary for the past five years so if you have driven by, I am sure to have waved. I understand some people still may not know who I am, but if you have driven down Main Street around Halloween or Christmas, you know that I enjoy decorating for the holidays. Victoria is a great town with great people and I hope to serve you all. We live in a town that is clean, safe, tightknit and willing to help each other at a moment's notice. This is why I love it and why I hope to become a City Council member. So I ask, on November 7, please go out, vote and be sure to select Ryan Lichter for Victoria City Council.



My name is Harlan Rupp, and I am running for a position on the City Council. My wife Edna and I have been married for 47 years. We have five children and 15 grandchildren. I have worked for UPS, sold/erected commercial buildings/grain bins, including concrete and have managed employees doing the work. I also owned my own dirt construction business. I also worked for Farm Bureau Financial Services for 23 years as an agent/manager. I held various licenses to sell and manage the products the agents sold. I have been president of several agent associations and past president of the Kansas Agent Association.

Since moving to Victoria, I have become involved in the parish. I am currently on the Finance Committee and teach religion. I am a Viet Nam veteran, current Quartermaster for the Victoria Post 1751, Grand Knight for Council 1867 Victoria. I have recently served on the Water Committee for the City of Victoria. I feel that my career experiences will allow me to help the city grow and to improve the current infrastructures.



My name is Jerry Brungardt and I am a candidate for City Council. My wife Mary and I have lived in Victoria for 52 years and raised all four of our children, Dale, Michele, Shannon, and Jessica here.

I am a graduate of Victoria High School (1962) and received my B.A. and M.S. from Fort Hays State University.

I am a member of the American Legion, VFW Auxiliary, Vietnam Veterans of America, the U.S. Army and KS Army National Guard. I have previously served the City as Mayor and Councilman.

In seeking this office, it is my intention to make decisions based on open-mindedness and experience, using my background in economics to make decisions that are well-thought out, not based on impulse, knowing they may not be popular with all but they need to be made to benefit all in the long run. I have always been a staunch supporter of our city, schools and the entire Victoria community. I ask voters to choose on the basis of qualifications for the office, not solely on emotion so we can plan for the future of our community.

As you consider your choice of candidates, please understand it is my goal to represent the city with pride, commitment, dedication, honesty and sincerity. Please consider the ideals I stand for. Finally, exercise your right to vote for the candidates of your choice.



Hello, Voters,

My name is John "Pat" Toth. As Toth is not a well-known name in Victoria, I thought this would be a good opportunity to share a little about myself. I moved to town a little over a year ago with my wife Laurie and our kindergarten son Wyatt.

I am a member of the local Fire Department as well a member of the local VFW Post 1751. I am currently in the Army Reserves at the 388 MMB in Hays, Kansas. My current occupation is with the City of Hays' Inspection Division. I volunteer some with a few different NGO and domestic organizations.

The reason for running is not to change the town - in fact, quite the opposite. We live in an outstanding community, and I want to keep it that way, clean, peaceful and calm. Our infrastructure is in relatively good shape, and our maintenance department does a wonderful job ensuring it stays that way. It is an excellent place to raise children who can go outside and play without worry or danger, thanks to our Police Department as well as the people who take care of each other as a community. The times we live in make these qualities harder and harder to find. We really have something special in the town of Victoria.

Some of the areas I would like to focus on are the following: possible spending cuts, efficiency of City services, need for upgrades, possibility of small town grants for infrastructure, the question of whether our civil servants are paid enough, and the feasibility of the Trego water line or would the R-9 water project (headed by Hays) a viable option?

Feedback from you, the voter, would help me understand the dynamics of the community and the concerns of its citizens. Feel free to email me at pattoth.pt@gmail.com. Thank you. I would greatly appreciate your vote.

VICTORIA IS ALREADY GREAT!!!



I am Zach Kanzenbach, and I want to represent you on the City Council. I have been an owner of Smoky Hill Meat Processing and a resident for nearly 10 years and currently sit on the Victoria Planning Commission. Two years ago, I ran for this position because I felt that the Council represented themselves instead of the people of Victoria. This election is no different.

With the type of business that I am in, I know how important water is, not only for households but also for the many businesses in our community. They say that a business can pass the higher bills onto the consumer. That means you will not only pay higher prices for your water but also for goods and services. I do think that the old water rates needed to be adjusted but our current rates are gouging and based on incorrect figures.

If elected, I will work to find water rates that will not break the bank but also allow the city to explore and pursue new water options and to update infrastructure. Without finding this agreeable rate, it will be hard for Victoria to prosper. We have been restricted heavily on the use of water for years and have only recently started looking for solutions, let us not fall into that cycle again.

Remember, if you vote for me, I may be the one sitting on City Council but it is with your voices that I will be speaking. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to talk to me.

