



Talk of the Town



City of Victoria

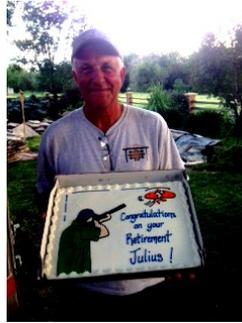
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Windholz retires from City position

Julius Windholz, City Superintendent since May 2003, officially retired on July 1. During his years with the City, Julie's duties have entailed maintaining all city water wells, acting as supervisor for water, street, and solid waste functions, and serving as building inspector for the city. Julie began his position with the City in May of 2003.

Julie and his wife have four sons, Chris and John who live here in Victoria, Kenny in Ellsworth, and



Danny in Hays and eight grandchildren.

The Council and staff wish him good health and enjoyment in his retirement and thank him for his years of service to the city.

City gains new employees

The City now has two new public works assistants. **Jacob (Jake) Nuss** began employment with the City in late June. A native of Russell, Jake and his wife Sarah now reside in Victoria with their two children, Kynlee, 2 1/2 and Easton, eight months old.

Joining Jake is **Scott Zimmerman** from rural Victoria. Scott assumed his duties with the city in mid-July. He and his wife Corrie are the

the parents of six children ranging in age from 23 to 6 years. They also have two grandchildren. Corrie works for USD 489 in Hays. Scott says people often know him as the son of Kenny Zimmerman, the pest control man who makes his rounds in Victoria.

WELCOME

City Officials

Mayor

Curtis Unrein

City Council

Jerry Brungardt

Erica Dinges

Kenneth Pfeifer

Jan Piesker

Leroy Schmidtberger

City Clerk

Mary Pfeifer

Utilities Clerk

Nancy Piatt

Public Works Asst.

Terry Riedel

Jacob Nuss

Scott Zimmerman

Police Chief

Cole Dinkel

Patrol Officer

Ryan Mauch

Happy Labor Day!—Trash pick up will be September 2nd

F.Y.I. ↓

Victoria homeowners may want to notify their homeowners insurance carrier that the city's fire protection rating has changed from class 4 to class 5 effective August 1. This could make a difference in their rates.

Calendar of Events



- 11 School Board Meeting
- 18 City Council Meeting
- 27 First Day of School



- 1 Labor Day (no trash pickup)
- 7 Grandparents' Day
- 8 School Board Meeting
- 15 City Council Meeting
- 23 First Day of Autumn



- 13 School Board Meeting
- 13 Columbus Day
- 20 City Council Meeting
- 31 Halloween

Bug Off Naturally!



Want to get rid of pesky bugs this summer without harming children, pets, or yourself? Here are some non-toxic solutions:

Mosquitoes

- *Remove standing water. Use a screen to cover openings in rain barrels.
- *Fill a jar halfway with citronella oil. Punch a hole in the center of the lid for a wick to go through into the oil. You've just made a candle that will keep away mosquitoes outdoors!
- *Back to Nature in Hays also has a natural mosquito/fly/tick repellent that contains citronella and other oils. It really works!
- *Spray your yard with garlic-based "Mosquito Barrier" (available online).
- *Home-made Trap: Cut 2 liter Coke bottle in half. Invert top and tape it into the bottom (leave 2" clear on the bottom). Dissolve ½ c. brown sugar into ½ cup boiling water in a pan. Cool it. Pour into bottle. Pour in 11 grams (1 Tablespoon) dry active yeast. Don't stir! Set inside or outside to catch mosquitoes. Replace in 2 weeks.

*Bats eat flying insects. Some people like to set up bat houses.

Flies

*Invert a coke bottle as above, but put in a piece of meat, or other food to attract flies. Place outside away from people. Flies get in, but can't get out!

Termites

*Spray wood with boric acid and water. Put sand under the house (they can't tunnel through.)

Bonus Natural Lawn Tips for Weeds

*Vinegar kills weeds naturally. Be careful to apply only to weeds, as it will kill grass too. Boiling water also works. And a mixture of one part salt to two parts water. Great for driveways, sidewalk cracks, and around foundations.

Here's to a Healthy Victoria!

Ideas provided by Bess McCarty of Victoria

Did you know?

Labor Day, observed on the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Labor Day also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, parades and athletic events.

City Reminders



The City's Refuse Collection Crew is requesting your help and offering the following reminders:

Trash containers larger than a **30 gallon capacity** (except dumpsters) are NOT permitted to be picked up by our crews. Crews are NOT allowed to pick up barrels to empty, but they can lift tied bags OUT of the barrels. **Please do not fill containers with debris that would make them too heavy to be picked up by one person.**

The City has a **compost** dumping pile for yard waste and a **burn pile** for tree limbs only. This pile is monitored by camera and anyone violating this site is subject to fine.

The City has a **Facebook page** and a **website** which contain a variety of items of interest including changes in trash pickup, information about water leaks, as well as Victoria Recreation events and deadlines. Check us out!

Residents can streamline their water bill payments by signing up for **automatic withdrawal** from their checking or saving accounts by filling out a form at the City office.

The City offers its **senior citizens** a discounted price on their trash collection fee if they complete the form in the office.

HERZOGFEST SCHEDULE

Friday, August 8

- 5:00 pm** Grounds & Vendors Open
- 5:00 pm** Fun Cycles & Banana Bikes
- 5:00 pm** Bumpy Knuckles, the Clown 
- 5:00 -8:00 pm** Free swimming /games (sponsored by Hays Medical Center)
- 5:30 pm** Free Concerts: Galen Schmidtberger & Joe Dolezal
- 7:30 pm** D.O.C.
- 9:30 pm** Granger Smith featuring Earl Dibbles, Jr.

Saturday, August 9

- 7:45 am** 5K Run/Walk -sponsored by Nex-Tech & FHSU Cross Country team
- 8:00 an-2:30 pm** Herzogfest 4th Annual Rod, Custom & Cycle Show  (sponsored by Weber Body Shop)
- 9:30 am** Parade
- 10:00 am** Welcome Ceremony, Grounds & Vendors Open
- 10:30 am** Skin Cancer Screening Booth
- 11:00 am** Fun Cycles & Banana Bikes/3 on 3 Basketball
- 11:00 am** Inflatables
- 11:00 am** Bumpy Knuckles, the Clown
- 12:00 pm** Bingo
- 1:00 pm** Eagle Radio Kids Pedal Pull (registration at 12:30)
- Free Swimming/Games** (sponsored by Hays Medical Center)
- 2:30 pm** Awards for Rod, Custom & Cycle Show
- 4:00 pm** Polka Mass
- 5:15 pm** Wes Windholz Band
- 6:30 pm** Hot Air Balloon Tether Rides  (weather permitting)
- 7:00 pm** Let's Make a Hertzog Deal (sponsored by Top Notch Guttering & Aleck & Sandy McAlonan)
- 7:00 pm** Pinochle
- 9:30 pm** Free Concert — Paramount



All entertainment is FREE! Food available for purchase. Tournaments and some special events have entry fees. For additional information and entry forms, visit the festival website: www.herzogfest.com



As a result of the St. Fidelis Church being dedicated as a minor basilica in June, Victoria area merchants provided new welcome signs on Cathedral Avenue in recognition of the honor.



Mayor Curt Unrein conferred the title of honorary citizen on Victoria exchange students Ferdinand Poschenrieder of Germany and Elisa Zoppalato of Italy during Awards Night at the high school in May.

Ready, Set, Run!

Coming August 23, the Victoria basketball teams will host their first annual Knight Run 5K. Dylan Dronberger, new head boys basketball coach, is undertaking the event as a means to raise funds to help with a variety of team needs. The group is looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of setting up the race. For a donation of \$50, sponsors' names will be placed on the back of the race day t-shirts. Anyone interested in making a donation or becoming a sponsor can contact Dronberger at ddronberger@ruraltel.net or by phone at 785-569-7831.

Participants registering before Aug. 19 will pay \$15; after that cost will be \$20. On the day of the event registration will begin at 6:30 a.m. and end at 7:45. The run/walk start time will be 8:00 a.m.

Awards will be presented to the top male and female runners in each age division as follows: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & over. Both registration and awards ceremony will be held at the Victoria Jr./Sr. High School.

District enrollment dates

Seniors: Aug. 12	9:00-12:00
Juniors: Aug. 12	1:00—3:00
Sophomores: Aug. 13	9:00 –11:00
Freshmen: Aug.13	11:00-12:00
Junior High: Aug.13	1:00 –3:00
PreK-6th: Aug.12,13	1:00-6:00

Lunch Costs



K-6th: \$2.60
7th-12th: \$2.70
Adults: \$3.40



VICTORIA REC NEWS

Soccer, volleyball and flag football are being offered for ages 5-14. Sign-up forms are due by August 8th. These can be picked up at the grade school office or by calling Sharon Bleske @ 735-2454.



Free gun locks are available at City Hall. You are welcome to stop by and pick one up.