



# Talk of the Town



City of Victoria

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## Clinic may re-open

The Victoria Clinic may be re-opened by the beginning of August, managed by First Call for Help of Hays, pending Federal approval. At the April Council meeting, Brian Brady discussed the plans his organization has for the facility. It will be open four and one-half days per week, including over the noon hour. Staff will include one nurse practitioner, a certified nurse's aid, and a receptionist. Projections are for at least 2,000 visits per year. The City is making some requested improvements prior to move-in date.

### Save the date!

The City of Victoria will welcome dignitaries from its Sister City of Kubelstein, Germany, the first week of June. A public gathering will be held on June 4 at the VFW. Contact Cora Schulte or Iiona Patterson for more information.



**Outgoing Mayor Curt Unrein received a plaque of appreciation for his years of service to the City at the April Council meeting.**

## New City officials sworn in



**Taking the oath of office at the April City Council meeting were Erica Dinges, Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach, Dustin Schumacher and Jerry Brungardt.**

Thank you for voting Kanzenbach in the recent election! It's an honor to serve the community in this capacity. I am excited to begin my term. For those of you in the community that don't know me, I look forward to meeting you. For all those in the community with a concern or new idea for the city, feel free to visit with me.

Jerry Kanzenbach

## don't Forget

Due to drought conditions, the City of Victoria remains in Stage 3 of water restrictions, which prohibits ALL outside watering until further notice. Violators are subject to water being disconnected and a fine.

**Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated!**

### City Officials

#### Mayor

Jerry Kanzenbach

#### City Council

Jerry Brungardt

Erica Dinges

Kenneth Pfeifer

Leroy Schmidtberger

Dustin Schumacher

#### City Clerk

Mary Pfeifer

#### Utilities Clerk

Nancy Piatt

#### City Superintendent/

#### Building Inspector

Jacob Nuss

#### Public Works Assts.

Brad Schmidtberger

Scott Zimmerman

#### Police Chief

Cole Dinkel

#### Patrol Officer

Ryan Mauch

City Hall will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Trash will be collected on Tuesday, May 26.



# Calendar of Events

## May



- 4—K-6 Spring Concert
- 10— Mother’s Day
- 11—School Board Meeting
- 16—Armed Forces Day
- 17—VHS Graduation
- 18—City Council Meeting
- 20—VJH Awards/8th Promotion
- 25—Memorial Day—City Hall Closed



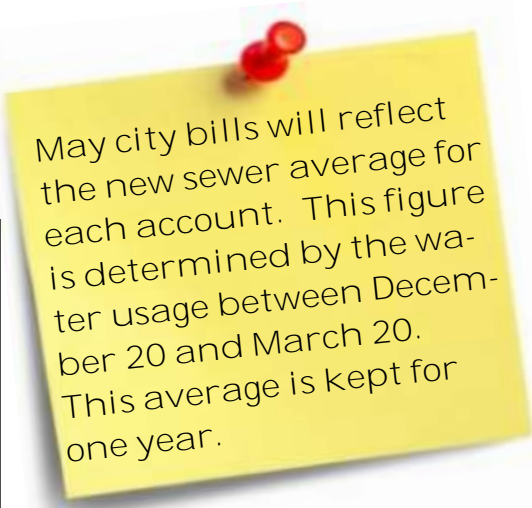
## June

- 4—Sister City Reception
- 8—School Board Meeting
- 14—Flag Day
- 15—City Council Meeting
- 21—Father’s Day
- 21—First Day of Summer

## JULY



- 4— Independence Day
- 13—School Board Meeting
- 20—City Council Meeting



May city bills will reflect the new sewer average for each account. This figure is determined by the water usage between December 20 and March 20. This average is kept for one year.

### NOTE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

City officials have been alerted to the condition of some city sidewalks, due to their deteriorating conditions. It is the owner’s responsibility to see that his sidewalks are not hazardous to public access. It is possible that you may be contacted about needed repairs.



Cierra Pfanenstiel of Victoria announces the opening of her new daycare services. She currently has openings for children ages 2-5. For more information, contact her at (785) 577-8232.

## Simplify

You can simplify your life by choosing to have your monthly city bill automatically drafted from your checking account. No more dropping off your payments, finding stamps and envelopes, or worrying about late fees. Stop in the City office and fill out the form and leave the rest to us!



Thank you to all the residents who make use of the city’s recycling trailers. By making the effort to sort and haul your recyclables to the site, you are helping to save those items from ending up in the landfill. This is a great activity to do with your children. You can set the example of being earth-conscious and help them develop that same trait.

**Andrew Wright of Old School Painting is available for painting jobs, both large and small. He can be contacted at (785) 314-0026.**



# Victoria Pool Info



Phone number: 735-2387	Opening day: May 25	Passes: family \$55.00
Lesson times: to be announced	Hours: 1:30—7:30	One adult \$20, second adult \$15.00
Check the city website or call the pool for more information.	Daily admission: 5-15 \$1.00, 16 & over \$1.50	One child \$16.00, second child \$14.00



**Vacancies in board membership. We are looking for persons who are strong, committed, and community team leaders. The City of Victoria Housing Authority provides housing to low-to-moderate income residents. The Commissioners of the Housing Authority shall hold office for a term of four years and shall be elected at the annual September board meeting. The Commissioner must live within the city limits of Victoria. If interested, please stop by the office at 612 Grant St. Terrace for an information packet or call Marla Robben @ (785) 735-2620 by July 31.**

**Looking for a way to get involved in the community? Volunteer coaches 18 and older are needed to assist with Victoria Recreation sports programs. Contact Sharon Bleske @ (785) 735-2454 for more details.**

## Victoria Fire Department sponsors mock tornado exercise

Victoria was recently the site of a mock tornado drill involving nine area companies including EMS workers and firefighters. The activity also involved 18 VHS students.

Each participant for the day was assigned a duty including search and rescue, triage, or transport. The students were planted in various locations within the high school building. Teams were sent in pairs to locate them and bring them out of the building. Each student carried a card stating the nature and severity of his/her injury, which in turn told triage workers how to proceed.

Sophomore **Bryant Karlin** explained that he decided to participate because it sounded like fun. Junior **Lane Kisner**, who was 'rescued' from the library commented that the drill seemed like a good way to help out the community.



**Kami Weber, one of the drill organizers, visits with VHS sophomore Ashlyn Hammerschmidt about her part in the mock tornado project.**

Junior **Josh Dreiling** whose assignment stationed him in a stairway stated that he saw this as an opportunity for community service.

If you are interested in knowing about drought-resistant annuals and perennials for your yard, here is a website to consult: [www.prairiestarflowers.com](http://www.prairiestarflowers.com).

**Participants and organizers want to thank the following for their generous donations to the Victoria Community Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you so very much!**

Cline's Mortuary, Color Pallet- Auto Trim & Upholstery, Gorham & Hers Styling Station, Jay Dinkel Sheena Herl, Don C. Staab, Gasper State Bank, Hays Planing Mill, Inc., His Construction, Jeff Hertel, Kippes Insurance Agency, Inc., Midwest Energy, Inc., Paul P. Dreiling, Pfeifer's Inc., Robben Oil Co., Robben Insurance, Inc., Rural Telephone Service, Schmidtberger Construction, Inc., Sunflower Bank, The Library Bar & Grill, Top Notch Guttering & Home Improvement, Via Christi Health, Victoria Lumber Co., Victoria Recreation Commission, Gambino's, Total Convenience, McDonald's, USD 432, St. Fidelis Capuchins, Girl Scouts, John Luecke, & the Easter Bunny!



Provided by USD #432

### Superintendent David Ottley...

USD #432 has a well-earned legacy of academic and athletic excellence. Great things continue to happen on a regular basis at VES and VJSHS! Last fall, we earned another State Football Championship and are currently gearing up to share information about the multitude of scholarships that our high school seniors have earned. Our district continues to be blessed with the generosity of its patrons. We served just fewer than 600 people at our recent VES fundraising breakfast. Also, patrons have offered donations for our play day, classroom needs, and other costs that arise. It is awesome to be a part of a community that steps up to help its schools when they see a need.

Our state is facing a budgetary crisis stemming from more than a half a billion-dollar shortfall in revenue. It is important to remember that when one group benefits from tax reductions, the burden shifts to another group. Much of the burden has been shifted to us locally. It seems to me to be an unacceptable practice to continually use public education and our children to fill the gaps in the state budget. Our state government has created this crisis. Schools across Kansas are facing **severe cuts based on the new funding formula known as 'Block Grants'**.

These grants do not provide an appropriate method of funding our public education systems that ensure both adequacy and equity for all students **in Kansas. The School Finance Formula (1992) wasn't broken but rather grossly underfunded.**

Within the walls of our schools in Victoria sit future doctors, lawyers, **farmers, skilled trade workers, and employees of jobs that don't yet exist.** I believe our children deserve the best education that we can possibly give them. 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.

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The City office is accepting applications for lifeguard positions. Anyone interested must be 16 years of age and have the required lifeguard certification or be willing to become certified before the pool opens.

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## Host Families Needed!



The foreign exchange students that we have been fortunate to have in Victoria these past years have provided so much culture and positive experiences for our entire community. Without host families, we cannot have exchange students. Each student is fully insured, brings all spending money, and will greatly enrich your life. The only things the host family needs to provide are access to three meals per day and a safe, loving home. The family is able to select the gender, country, religion, etc. of the student **so that a 'best fit' is established.** Please consider providing an enriching experience for your family and our community by becoming a host family. For more information, contact Kori Braun @ (785) 735-4161.



**Victoria High School students Brady Dinkel, Anna Schmidtberger, Haley Robben, Maegan Karlin, and Joe Dortmund were recently honored at the Central Prairie League Academic Awards dinner.**

# CITY OF VICTORIA

## Consumer Confidence Report – 2015

### Covering Calendar Year – 2014



This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, please call MARY PFEIFER at 785-735-2259.

Your water comes from 7 Ground Water Wells.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.
- Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.
- Organic contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system is required to test a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

#### Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2014 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2014. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. **The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.**

#### Terms & Abbreviations

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

**Action Level (AL):** the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

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**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Non-Detects (ND):** lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Parts per Million (ppm)** or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

**Parts per Billion (ppb)** or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

**Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L):** a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per Year (mrem/yr):** measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Monitoring Period Average (MPA):** An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

**Running Annual Average (RAA):** an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Testing Results for: CITY OF VICTORIA

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COLIFORM (TCR)	In the month of September, 1 sample returned as positive	MCL: Systems that Collect Less Than 40 Samples per Month - No more than 1 positive monthly sample	0	Naturally present in the environment

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	4/25/2012	4.8	4.8	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits
BARIUM	4/25/2012	0.26	0.26	ppm	2	2	Discharge from metal refineries
CHROMIUM	4/25/2012	3	3	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills
FLUORIDE	4/25/2012	0.37	0.37	ppm	4	4	Natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
NITRATE	7/8/2014	5.5	5.5	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use
SELENIUM	4/25/2012	9.1	9.1	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Your Highest RAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2014	3	2.9	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
THM	2014	11	11	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2011 - 2013	1	0.059 - 1	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
LEAD	2011 - 2013	2.3	1.3 - 3.1	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Our Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	4/25/2012	231	231	MG/L	300
CALCIUM	4/25/2012	110	110	MG/L	200
CHLORIDE	4/25/2012	47	47	MG/L	250
CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHOS/CM	4/25/2012	690	690	UMHO/CM	1500
CORROSIVITY	4/25/2012	0.23	0.23	LANG	0
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	4/25/2012	310	310	MG/L	400
MAGNESIUM	4/25/2012	9.9	9.9	MG/L	150
PH	4/25/2012	7.4	7.4	PH	8.5
PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL	4/25/2012	0.1	0.1	MG/L	5
POTASSIUM	4/25/2012	5.1	5.1	MG/L	100
SILICA	4/25/2012	50	50	MG/L	50
SODIUM	4/25/2012	22	22	MG/L	100
SULFATE	4/25/2012	34	34	MG/L	250
TDS	4/25/2012	440	440	MG/L	500
ZINC	4/25/2012	0.019	0.019	MG/L	5

During the 2014 calendar year, we had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

**Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.**