

# Talk of the Town

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## Victoria health facility reopens

After a hiatus of sixteen months, citizens of Victoria once again have access to health care within the city. Under the auspices of First Care of Hays, the clinic reopened its doors on Oct. 21. Staff includes board certified Dawn Knapp, A.P.R.N., and Dedra Karlin and Janie Tholen as support staff.

Clinic hours have been set as 8:30-4:30 Mondays—Thursdays and 8:30-12:00 on Fridays. Phone number is (785) 735.3710.

According to Brian Brady, Chief Executive Officer, the clinic's services will include the following: general primary care, female/male wellness exams, immunizations, sutures/minor injuries treatment, physicals, acute care, and basic lab draws. Knapp is also certified to do DOT physicals.

The clinic accepts most major insurances, and services are provided on a sliding fee scale for those who qualify.

Brady stated: "We are excited to provide this service for the city; it is a definite win/win situation."

An official ribbon cutting will be scheduled at a later date.



Ready to serve the Victoria community are members of the First Care staff Dawn Knapp, Dedra Karlin, and Janie Tholen.



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**Police Chief**

Cole Dinkel

**Patrol Officer**

Ryan Mauch

# Calendar of Events

## November



- 1—Daylight Savings time ends
- 3—Election Day
- 9—School Board Meeting
- 11—Veterans' Day
- 16—City Council Meeting



## December

- 14—School Board Meeting
- 16 — District Christmas Program
- 21 — City Council Meeting
- 24 — City Hall Closed
- 25 — Merry Christmas!

## January



- 1 — New Year's Day, City Hall Closed
- 11 — School Board Meeting
- 18 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 18 — City Council Meeting
- 29 — Kansas Day

**A small town has no place to go that you shouldn't!**

## Town Hall Meeting Held



Residents of the city had the opportunity to voice their questions and concerns at the first Town Hall Meeting held in August. Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach and members of the City Council were on hand to listen to their constituents and to update them on city issues including the current water situation, a proposed city annexation, and the pet control issue. It was a full house at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

**FYI:** Building Permits are required for any construction, reconstruction, moving or some remodeling of any structure. This includes shingling, fences, storage sheds, etc. They are also required for sidewalk/driveway construction. City ordinance requires that permits be obtained BEFORE the project is started. Permits are intended to protect the homeowner from unlicensed workers and fraud. They are available at City Hall. Some projects do not require a permit. Check with City Hall or building inspector Scott Zimmerman (735-4143) to see if your work needs a permit.



## Speaking of trash...



Residents will notice a slight increase in their trash bill as a result of a new ordinance passed at the August City Council meeting. New rates are as follows: dumpsters, \$35, regular trash \$17, and senior citizens' rate \$15.50.

At the same meeting, Council decided to limit the number of receptacles to be picked up to four per residence.

The question was also raised about reinstating alley trash collection. The City crew cited equipment issues as well as alley conditions as reasons this is not feasible. Consequently, all trash pickup will remain curbside.

## Coca Cola sponsors toy drive



Once again the Victoria Coca-Cola plant invites the community to show their holiday spirit and generosity by participating in the annual toy drive.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, employees will be on hand to accept new, unwrapped toys or angel tree gifts from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Donors will receive a 20 oz. ice cold Coke.

Alternate drop off options are from Nov. 30 to Dec. 12 8:00-4:00 p.m.

Coca-Cola employees will deliver the toys to Teaming up for Tots in Ellis County.



Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach confers with Scott Ross at the test site of a potential new city well.

Victoria mayor Jerry Kanzenbach is excited about the results of drilling of three test wells. Two have produced good results; interested citizens can learn more by picking up a copy of the report at City Hall.

He stated: "We are very excited about how things turned out. It's a step in the right direction. We hope the next step with the engineers will lead to the city setting up the wells. We need to remember that everything takes time."



Thanks to the generosity of some Victoria citizens, our nation's colors are flying high in a new spot. Jerry and Mary Brungardt donated the new flag pole, Brad Schmidtberger the solar lights and members of the Victoria VFW the flag.



Members of the fire department demonstrate the jaws of life for VES students.



Students watch as Chris Brungardt shows the force of water from one of the city's trucks.

### Fire department provides awareness activities

It's an annual event that Victoria Elementary students and Victoria volunteer firefighters look forward to: a day of learning about fire prevention and more.

It begins with a procession of city fire equipment with sirens blaring arriving at the grade school to give rides to the winners of the art contest sponsored by the department.

In addition, each grade school class makes a trip to the fire station for demonstrations.

This year's activities included an animated video about fire equipment, followed by a demonstration of the jaws of life and the force of water from a fire truck. Students then did a walk-through of an Ellis County ambulance and heard an explanation of the various items EMT's use when making a call.

The fire department also provides educational materials for the students.

### News from St. Fidelis

The St. Fidelis Thrift Shop continues to do well in Victoria. It is staffed by volunteers six days a week. They are always accepting donations. If you are unable to deliver the items you would like to donate, contact Jan at the Parish Office at 785-735-2777 to arrange for the items to be picked up.

St. Fidelis has begun a new ministry to the elderly and homebound. Volunteers are visiting parishioners who are not living at home but in rest homes, assisted living, or senior apartments. Volunteers will also visit those living at home who are not able to get out of the house very easily, or anyone that would just like a visit. If you are living at home and would like a visit from one of the volunteers or know of someone who would, contact Jan at the Parish Office, 785-735-2777.

#### ADVICE FROM A BEAR:

- LIVE LARGE
- CLIMB BEYOND YOUR LIMITATIONS
- WHEN LIFE GETS HAIRY, GRIN AND BEAR IT
- EAT WELL
- LIVE WITH THE SEASONS
- TAKE A GOOD, LONG NAP
- LOOK AFTER YOUR HONEY!





## Provided by USD #432 Superintendent David Ottley

The students and staff of USD #432 are back in the flow of academics, athletics, and a variety of activities. We are pleased with the start to our year with respect to our academic progress. VJSHS is offering a new "Jump Start" program that helps to provide funding for dual credit coursework that we offer. Mrs. Kori Braun and Mr. Stuart Moeckel were instrumental in its creation and securing funding for the program. It helps by allowing our students an opportunity to challenge themselves with college level coursework despite any financial shortcoming. With many of the general education requirements out of the way, Victoria graduates are then able to focus on courses more specifically tied to their major as they enter college. Funding for this project came from the Dane Hansen Foundation, the Victoria Alumni Association and NCKTC.

The Jump Start program ties in nicely with our focus on college and career readiness. The focus of schools across the state is to prepare students for what they will encounter in their post-secondary experience. USD #432 continues to focus on college and career-ready skills. Our students excel in many areas! We graduate students ready to pursue welding, construction, nursing, college, and students that are prepared for a wealth of other endeavors. It is only with dedicated staff and students who possess a strong work ethic that this is possible. Most importantly, we graduate your sons and daughters who are the best of the best!

As we move forward with the change of season, we too, as a school will change and grow. I continue 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.



**Statebound.** Members of the Lady Knights tennis team show off the first place trophy they brought back from 3-1A Regional Competition in Garden City. Pictured above are Bailey Hobbs, Brianna Leiker, Coach Rhoda Urban, Madisyn Gerhard, Hannah Radke, Emily Schippers, and Megan Karst.

## Total Convenience sponsors PATROL program

For several years, Police Chief Cole Dinkel has conducted a monthly program for Victoria students called P.A.T.R.O.L. (Police and teachers recognizing outstanding learners). The program is designed to recognize "good kids" for being positive role models who are willing to help students and staff.

Recipients are recognized at all-school assembly, receive a certificate, a t-shirt donated by the City, and treated to a lunch. Since its inception, Gambino's was the sponsor. With its closing, Total Convenience has agreed to assume the sponsorship of the program. They will provide a meal for each of the winners.

Recipients thus far this year are Lane Schmidtberger, fifth grade, and Isaiah Aguilar, sixth grade,



## Coming soon! The VHS Annual All-School Fall Production Don't Try to Wake Him, Hand Me the Shovel

Saturday November 14, 7:00 p.m.  
VHS Auditorium

\$5.00 tickets available from cast members, FCCLA members, in the VHS school office or at the door.

FCCLA will be hosting a \$10.00 catered meal. Tickets for the meal must be purchased prior to the performance from the school office or FCCLA members

Directed by Ruthann Zimmer and  
Kori Braun