

Talk of the Town

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Hays Public Library debuts Bookmobile in Victoria

Residents of Victoria have a new, convenient way to utilize the services of the Hays Public Library. Thanks to funding from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, the Hays Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Hays Public Library, the newly purchased vehicle will make semi-monthly visits to town and bring all the services available at the main library. Visits will be on the second and fourth Fridays from 9-11 a.m. at city park.

Patrons can sign up for a library card, return materials, pick up books on hold, request materials through interlibrary loan and search the catalog.

The collection on board has books DVDs and Blu-Rays for check-out as well as a wide variety of genres both for children, young adults and adult readers. There is general fiction and non-fiction and books in large print. According to Holly Ray, outreach coordinator, the Bookmobile "really has something for everyone." The vehicle is equipped with a wheelchair lift for those who might need assistance. Ray commented, "We want the Bookmobile to be accessible to everyone."

Currently, the Bookmobile follows the procedures of the main branch as far as COVID protocol goes. All staff and patrons over the age of 5 are required to wear masks. Masks are provided for those who don't have them. Only one household is allowed to browse at a time. Hand sanitizer is provided and the inside is cleaned regularly with disinfectant.

Ray enthusiastically commented, "Most people are very excited about the Bookmobile. Come see us. A visit to the Bookmobile could really brighten your day."



City Councilman Harland Rupp was the first on hand to welcome Holly Ray from the Hays Public Library.

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Because of the holiday, trash will be
collected on Tuesday, September 8



St. Fidelis News

The summer lunch program provided by the parish ended on July 31. According to Jan Brungardt, they fed 30-40 individuals per day. This year's meals were strictly pick up and carryout due to the COVID 19 situation. Brungardt says that the parish donations to fund the program this year were "great."

The Thrift and Gift Store is going strong, with proceeds for the month of June being the most ever. The store continues to accept donations. For those patronizing the store, masks are provided for those who want them, but they are optional. Brungardt expressed her thanks to the many volunteers who keep

this enterprise going so successfully. The parish continues to run a food pantry for those in need. Anyone desiring this service should call the parish office at 735-2777 to schedule a time. The PAC Center continues to be a distribution center for monthly commodities.

An evening of music and family fun was held on July 10 at city park. Performing in concert was the Christian group Village Light. Food and beverages were provided by the parish. Fun for the kids included a much-delayed Easter Egg Hunt as well as a give-away of toys.

NEW HONOR FOR VICTORIA AUTHOR

Over the years, Victoria native and popular children's author Tammi Sauer has garnered an abundance of honors for her 30+ books. But she is unusually excited about the latest one. She recently was thrilled to learn that Tim Gunn, creator of *Project Runway*, was going to read her book *Mary Had a Little Glam* on a PBS show for children. Tammi's books have gone on to do other great things: *Chicken Dance: The Musical* is currently on a national tour, and *Your Alien*, an NPR Best Book of 2015, has been published in Italian, Spanish, Korean, and French. Tammi and her family live in Edmond, Oklahoma. You can visit Tammi online at tammissauer.com and follow her on Twitter at @SauerTammi. Whenever Tammi is back home for a visit, she loves visiting the Victoria elementary classes, sharing memories of her growing up years and generating excitement for reading. She was a graduate of the Victoria class of 1991. She is the daughter of the late Norman and Ramona Kippes.



City Watering Times

ALL WATERING IS TO BE DONE BEFORE 10:00 a.m. or AFTER 7:00 p.m.

Watering of shrubs, flowers, and gardens as well as washing of cars is allowed any day of the week.

Residents may also water their lawns one day per week: those living south of 10th Street may water on Tuesdays; those living north of 10 Street may water on Thursdays.

POOL UPDATE

Pool manager Karen Nowak reports that this has been a successful season with consistently good turnouts, more out-of-town swimmers and more swimming parties.

Hours for the pool will remain the same until further notice. **THE CLOSING DATE OF THE POOL IS YET TO BE DETERMINED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL HAS BEEN DELAYED.**

In addition to Nowak, the pool staff has included assistant manager Audrey Staab and lifeguards Valerie Dome, Lydia Sander, Kiley Schmidtberger, Morgan Staab, Kalli Weber, Kassi Weber, and Kaitlyn Windholz. Thanks to each of these individuals for helping our community enjoy pool time and swimming lessons.



Regrettably, the Herzogfest Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's event, originally scheduled for Aug. 8. Ashley Kanzenbach, committee member stated, "We value our loyal vendors, volunteers, and patrons and look forward to many more years of celebrating Volga German traditions with you all. As of now we plan to have our softball tournament fundraiser in September and will keep everyone updated on those plans as we make them. Our goal now is to help keep our community healthy and work towards a bigger and better festival next year. Thank you all for your continued support."

In addition to the health and safety considerations that factored into the decision, the committee also realized that because of the blows to the economy due to COVID 19, the amount of sponsorships this year was not even half of the prior years. Another factor was the concern expressed by many vendors about the statewide mask mandate.

The committee hopes to grow and work hard at fundraising so they will have the manpower to make next year's event a great one.



On a church sign:

Services cancelled! God is making house calls!

On a balcony: My husband is for sale!

On a restaurant marquee:

If you see me talking to myself, I'm having a parent/teacher conference!

On a movie theatre board:

Now Playing: NO Close Encounters of ANY Kind

Posted in a window: I just finished Net-Flix!

From a dining room table three boys posted:

"You think you've got it bad, try living with your principal!"



- ◆ Our city workers would like to remind residents to limit trash to NO MORE than 4 –30 gallon containers. If excessive trash is a frequent occurrence, the resident will incur a dumpster fee of \$35 instead of the regular \$17 charge.
- ◆ Due to the need for social distancing, until further notice all City Council meetings will be held AT THE VFW. Council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome.
- ◆ If you write a check for your monthly city bill, please be sure to do so in either blue or black ink. The scanner we use is unable to read any other color of ink.
- ◆ **We still have a need to have residents' cell phone numbers** if you have not provided yours for us. Otherwise, we have no way to contact you if there is a problem or concern.
- ◆ The City has a list of all general contractors, plumbers and electricians that are licensed to do work in our area. If you are in need, stop in and pick one up.



SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS



With the spring sports season being cancelled due to COVID19, student athletes as well as their coaches and fans were deprived of final games and honors.

So since the shelter-in-place mandate was rescinded, Victoria coaches have been working to get their upcoming teams together for activities.

According to **Doug Oberle**, head football coach, the team numbers are good and the players have been able to get back to their summer routine in the weight room, supervised by Dan Rogers. They also meet on Wednesday nights for football drills and team time. Oberle says players are not required to wear masks, but they are welcome to if they choose. The sanitizing of equipment happens more frequently than before COVID. Oberle says he is hopeful that the football season will be able to open giving everyone something to look forward to, especially the seniors.

Girls' tennis coach **Kaylene Gabel** says that since June 1, she and her team have been trying to meet every Thursday evening. They do some hitting around and "practicing" but it is really more about building team camaraderie. They are also working in the weight room with Dan Roger's program. At the end of July, the team of 7 girls will host a K-8 tennis camp. Enrollment numbers are looking strong. Gable says, "It is a great team-building opportunity and a nice way to continue to generate the interest for tennis and the program as a whole.

Sarah Nuss, head coach for the Lady Knights' volleyball team, says the team is gearing up for another great season. The coaching staff is excited to have a strong returning squad consisting of four seniors, five juniors, two sophomores as well as five incoming freshmen. They were able to have two squads playing in the Hays Rec until the shut down. The ladies are still attending open gym activities two nights a week. They are very motivated to be the best they can be for the 20-21 season, even with all the uncertainties centered around their season.

Kristin Werth, head girls' basketball coach had several meetings with her team of 12 girls prior to playing in a tournament the last week of June. At the conclusion of the tournament, they were notified that they would all need to quarantine because they had been exposed to a COVID-positive player in one of their games. The good news is no one showed any symptoms, the quarantine is over and they're back to weekly practices.

Head boys' basketball coach **Colin Schmidtberger** reports that his team has been able to get into the gym for practices and shootarounds. Since basketball is a team sport, it has been difficult to social distance. They are doing lots of individual drills and after games are over, there are no handshake lines. The team has been able to participate in the Hays Rec Summer League so they have had some competitions.

New camera system to stream games



Victoria Junior/Senior High School has purchased a camera system to enable live-streaming of all home football, basketball and volleyball games for both the high school and junior high teams. This service will allow any patron to watch the games they are unable to attend, regardless of where they are located. This new system can be accessed through any viewing device: smart phone, computer, iPad, or smart TV.

To access the live-stream events, go to: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/victoria-high-school-victoria-ks>.

Anyone with questions should contact Principal Dylan Dronberger at ddronberger@usd432.org.

"Thank you for sending me to time out. I really thought about what I'd done wrong and constructed a plan for better future behaviour," said no child ever.

