

# Talk of the Town



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## Speaking of water...

Effective June 29, the City has **altered its watering restrictions and its water rates**. Customers should have received an official notice by mail with their July billing. According to the new resolution, watering may be done as follows:

1. Outdoor watering will be limited to the hand watering of trees, flowers, and gardens as well as for home maintenance; no unattended hoses. The watering end of all hoses will have a mechanism to enable the turning off of the flow when not in use.
2. No watering shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
3. No filling of swimming pools or hot tubs.
4. No filling of water storage containers.
5. Wasting of water is prohibited.

**THE BASE RATE FOR 2,000 GALLONS WILL INCREASE FROM  
\$26.00 TO \$32.00.**

Likewise, there will be different usage rates levels for 4,000, 6,000, 8,000 and 8,001+. Additional copies of the letter with exact details are available at the City office if anyone needs them.

The rate changes are necessary to help defray the cost of upcoming expenses that the City will incur with drilling new wells, engineering fees and construction for new water lines to connect with Trego 2 Water District.

The City Council and Water Committee still encourage our citizens to conserve water and extend their appreciation for ongoing cooperation in water measures.



Thanks to the Hays Public Library, visitors to our city park can help themselves to a free book or two. A new 'little library' contains reading material for children and adults at no cost. Residents can also donate books in good condition to the site as well. Dana Lang, an employee of HPL, will regularly re-stock as necessary. The unit that houses the books was painted and decorated by the teen department as a summer activity and installed by our city crew.

## City Officials

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**Utilities Clerk:** Nancy Piatt

**City Treasurer:** Jerry Schmidtberger

**City Superintendent:**

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**Public Works Assistants:**

Jacob Nuss

Terry Riedel

**Police Chief:** Cole Dinkel

**Patrol Officer:** Ryan Mauch

**Fire Chief:** Verlin Hammerschmidt

**Assistant Fire Chief:** Kevin Klein

# Calendar of Events

## Aug.



- 4-5 Herzogfest
- 14—School Board Meeting (7:30)
- 21—City Council Meeting (5:30)
- 23—First Day of School



## Sept.

- 4—Labor Day (City Office Closed)
- 11—School Board Meeting (7:30)
- 18 —City Council Meeting (5:30)
- 29—Homecoming

## Oct.



- 9—School Board Meeting (7:30)
- 16—City Council Meeting (5:30)
- 23-24 —Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 27 — No School
- 31—Halloween

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

Residents are responsible for the maintenance of the alley of their property, including mowing and removal of debris.

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

## Do You Want to Make a Difference?

The Fort Hays State Senior Companion/Foster Grandparent Programs are looking for individuals age 55+ to make a difference in the life of a child serving as a Foster Grandparent or to help adults to remain in their own homes by

serving as a Senior Companion.

The program provides benefits of a non-taxable stipend to those who are eligible, paid vacation, sick leave and holidays and reimbursement for travel. Monthly volunteer development training is also provided.

Our children and elder adults need you! Please make a difference.

For information, please call 785 628.5809 or email [jneirnbe@fhsu.edu](mailto:jneirnbe@fhsu.edu), [hfisher@fhsu.edu](mailto:hfisher@fhsu.edu) or [jrshank@fhsu.edu](mailto:jrshank@fhsu.edu).



Thank you to the Water Committee Mark Karst, Harland Rupp, Curt Unrein & Brad Schmidtberger for the time and travel invested in studying the city's water situation. You are appreciated!

## POOL WILL CLOSE

**AUG. 13TH**

## McIntyres begin new business venture

New Victoria business owners Shantel and Jim McIntyre say that it was "love at first sight" when they drove into town in search for a place to call home. Formerly from Larned, the couple says they were wanting a place closer to the interstate and somewhere with small town values. They now occupy the building that was formerly American Shooters, and opened their door to customers in mid-April.

They offer a full line of tobacco products and are proud that they are able to sell them at cheaper prices because they choose to reduce their profit margin.

Currently, they are open for business Monday-Fridays 7:00 – 7:00. As time goes by, they may expand their hours if they determine that is what their customers want.



**New business owners Jim & Shantel McIntyre are excited to make their home in Victoria.**

Although they call their establishment J & S Smoke Shop, their business is a whole lot more. Their store features a line of handmade wood products as well as handcrafted leather items and jewelry. One of the things they are proud of is their talent in re-purposing and recycling. Many of Jim's wood items are made from old barn wood and wooden pallets. These include picture frames, coat racks, lamps, and crosses. Shandel (Shawnee) takes credit for inspiring some of his best designs.



To Sara Boyd, Connie Dreiling, Sheena Gagnon, DJ Kuhn, Stuart Moeckel Family, Camilla Mueller, Ilona Patterson, Mary Pfeifer, Nancy Piatt, Carla Pruitt, Edna Rupp, Kent Schmeidler Family, Jerry Schmidtberger, Cora Schulte, Gerti Staab, Kim Taylor, Susie Windholz, and Det Younger for helping beautify our town by the care of city flower pots.

## Herzogfest to feature new attractions and old favorites



Hot off the press! Herzogfest committee members Ryan Lichter, Dace Winkelman, and Ashley Kanzenbach were excited to display the poster featuring the slate of events for this year's festival.

The 35th Annual Herzogfest kickoffs off on Friday with a welcome ceremony set for 6:00.

This year's committee with new members and ideas is excited about the slate of offerings for the 2-day event.

The old traditions will include the well-loved German food booths, the Polka Mass, and the car show in addition to the free nightly concerts.

New this year are the chance for everyone to play Knockerball, as well as a new food vendor selling schnitzel, and a breakfast featuring tasty treats from

a Wichita bakery (Hurt's). Also added to the schedule are a morning market with up to 30 vendors selling farmers' market items, direct sales products and crafters' wares. At 1:00 an Eagle Med helicopter will make a landing and provide photos ops and information for interested kids and adults. In addition to the usual beer booth, adults will also have the option to enjoy wine provided by Shiloh Winery of WaKeeney.

Because Bingo has been moved to the VFW, a shuttle will be provided for anyone wanting the lift.

**Enrollment for Religious Education, grades K – 12, will be on Wed., Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thurs., Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00.**

**Families can enroll in the Religious Ed Office at the PAC.**



Sunflower Bank celebrated its 125th birthday on June 30. Staff employee Desiree Ruth did the honors of cutting the cake for customers including Darlene Braun. The occasion was marked with a barbecue for patrons and residents of Victoria.



**Bob Schwarz Financial of Victoria is excited to announce a new staff member addition. Please give a warm welcome to Kris Dinkel, a resident of Victoria since 1981. Kris will be assisting Bob and Courtney Dale in the day-to-day operations of their financial planning and insurance business located on Main St. We encourage folks to stop in the office and say hello to Kris the next time you are downtown. She would enjoy showing you around their new office space.**



Provided by  
USD #432 Superintendent  
David Ottley

As we reflect on a wonderful 2016-2017 school year at USD #432, we also prepare for an exciting new school year full of opportunities for growth. One area of growth will be the beginning of a new FFA program at USD #432. We are excited to begin the process by offering Introduction to Agriculture and Plant & Soil Science.

The Victoria USD #432 Foundation, Inc. is in place. Through the Foundation alumni, parents, businesses and

### Lichter fills School Board post

Following Darrell Dortland's resignation, Tammy Lichter was selected to fill the remainder of his term. Lichter, a Hays teacher and parent of two VES students, was appointed at the June meeting. She and her husband Ryan have resided in Victoria for over fifteen years. She feels that USD #432 is a 'very good school district where kids really matter' and she hopes to play a role in seeing that this continues.

other supporters of our schools can improve the opportunities for our students in the classroom and beyond. The mission of The Victoria USD #432 Foundation, Inc. is to support the Victoria school district in its pursuit of excellence. It is our goal to provide funding for a creative and challenging curriculum to meet the needs of students as they move forward to a post-secondary opportunity. The Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation pursuant to IRS regulations. Please visit [www.usd432.org](http://www.usd432.org) to learn more about the goals of the Foundation.

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.



Competing at the KSHSAA state track meet in Wichita were Ally Dinkel, Karly Oberle, Collin Kisner, Ashlyn Windholz and Kali Weber. Kisner finished with a first, second and third place, Weber with two 2nd places, and the girls' relay team took fourth place.

### USD's Luke Johnson named quarterfinalist

Victoria music educator Luke Johnson has been named a quarterfinalist for the 2018 Music Educators Award, sponsored by the Recording Academy and Grammy Museum.

To date, he still doesn't know who made the nomination, but he is "thrilled and humbled" by it, nevertheless. "While this is a great honor, it is honestly a reflection of the faculty, staff, school, community and most importantly, student's I'm lucky to work with every day."

Following his nomination, Johnson had to complete an application that included video recordings as well as student testimonials.

In May, Johnson completed his second year in the district where he is the music department, teaching all K-6 vocal music as well as beginning and middle school/high school band.

Johnson is also proud of his pep band that played at every home football and basketball game last season.



Thank you Karen Nowak, Haley Robben, Megan Karst, Kiley Schmidtberger, Audrey Staab, Kali Weber and Ashlyn Windholz for your summer work!