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### **The Agony and the Ecstasy** by Sue Orsen/Victoria Gazette.

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### **Victoria Chosen for Organic Pilot Program** by Vicki Bont, Victoria Investigative Reporter.

"Victoria has been selected for a pilot program to reduce garbage by collecting organics in order to sizably reduce what goes into the garbage truck. Organic material makes up 25% of trash by weight."

### **Looking to Expand Carver County Services in April** by Eric Siegers, Carver County.

"Veteran Services will safely resume transportation. The library system and environmental center's services will be expanded."

### **Retiring After 45 Years** by Sara Johnson, SKS Marketing. "Jeanette Pryor, Registered Dental Hygienist, announced her retirement. Her career includes 26 years at Regarding Dentistry."

### **Millennials More Interested in Renting than in Buying** by Chris Salvioati, Apartment List.

"We find when members of older generations were the same age as millennials are now, they owned homes at notably higher rates."

### **Gas Prices Inching Upwards in the Twin Cities** by Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy. "Gas prices in the Twin Cities are 28.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 25.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago."

### **Seven Victoria Homes in 2021 Spring Parade** by Katie Elfstrom, Housing First MN. "This spring there are 358 homes in the 2021 Twin Cities Spring Parade of Homes, seven in Victoria."

### **Helping to Feed Hungry Children in MN Schools** by Katie Bauer, MN Dept of Human Services. "Children will be eligible for Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer benefits if they are approved to receive free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch program."

### **Squirt B1 Purple Stormhawks 3rd at Duluth** by Kelly Becker, Victoria. "The team posted a 13-1 record to claim the team's first trophy of the season."

### **30 Years Ago the Gazette featured** Jerry and Dee Schrempp in "After 10 Kids and 40 Years."

### **20 Years Ago the Gazette featured** Gordon and Clara Diethelm in "All the World's a Stage."

### **10 Years Ago the Gazette featured** Victoria's annual ice fishing contest in "How Do You Catch a Polar Bear?"

### **My Favorite Pictures from Victoria** by Toby Thomasson, 14. "We are coming up on the one-year anniversary of lockdown here in Minnesota and, in all honesty, I've enjoyed this year more than many, it seems, largely because of this town and my love for photography."

### **Considering the Jigsaw Puzzle in Days of Old** by Mike Wartman, Former Resident of Victoria. "The recent pandemic initially caused a nationwide shortage of jigsaw puzzles, but I am sure this could have been alleviated by simply searching the attics, basements, and closets of Old Town Victoria homes."

### **A Half Century of Community and Service** by Christie Wood. "Times have changed and 50 years have come and gone, but one thing remains the same! Enhancing our customers' lives by improving the environment around them is our way of helping our customers and community achieve happiness."

### **Victoria Burrow Opens Again** by Katie Welch Len, PR. "The Burrow is scheduled to be open Wednesday through Sundays from 4 to 8 p.m."

### **Road Tests and Passport Services Resume** by Eric Sieger, Carver County. "The State of MN resumed Class D road tests at the Chaska License Center and passport services at the Gov't Center in Chaska."

### **Icing on the Cake** by Tom Abts, Deer Run Golf Pro. "I think we need to identify our strengths and weaknesses and earn a living by using those strengths."

### **Carver County's Chat with Matt** by Matt Udermann, Carver County Commissioner. "I'll use this space to share about the people that make Carver County great and some of the projects happening that impact you."

### **A Lady Mail Carrier on Horseback** by Vicki Bont, Victoria. "There was an early time of the U.S. Mail Service, when the Post Office contracted with private carriers to complete routes to every destination in the U.S. and its territories."

### **Preparing to Launch #988 Lifeline** by Eric Sieger, Carver County. "Next year, in July 2022, 988 will become the national three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline."

### **From the City Manager's Office in Victoria City Hall** by City Manager Dana Hardie. "Victoria is once again fully represented with the appointment of Alvin Hebert to the Victoria City Council on February 8th."

### **Hoping to Free the Growler in MN Craft Breweries** by George Damian, MN House of Rep. "The bill will remove the 20,000 barrel threshold currently in law that stops any craft brewer that produces more than 20,000 barrels from selling growlers."

### **Legislating for Local Re-Opening Control in MN Schools** by Ryan Johnson, MN State Senate. "The MN Senate approved a bipartisan bill to put local school districts, not the Governor, in control of school reopening decisions."

### **Remember When the Old Black Bridge** was part of the Old Yellowstone Trail (Stieger Lake Lane) through downtown Victoria and that's how people got out of town?"

### **Remember When the Old Black Bridge** was replaced by the New White Stone Bridge? The ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new bridge occurred on Monday, December 9th, 2002, under the leadership of Mayor Mary Meuwis sen."

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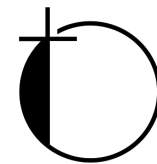


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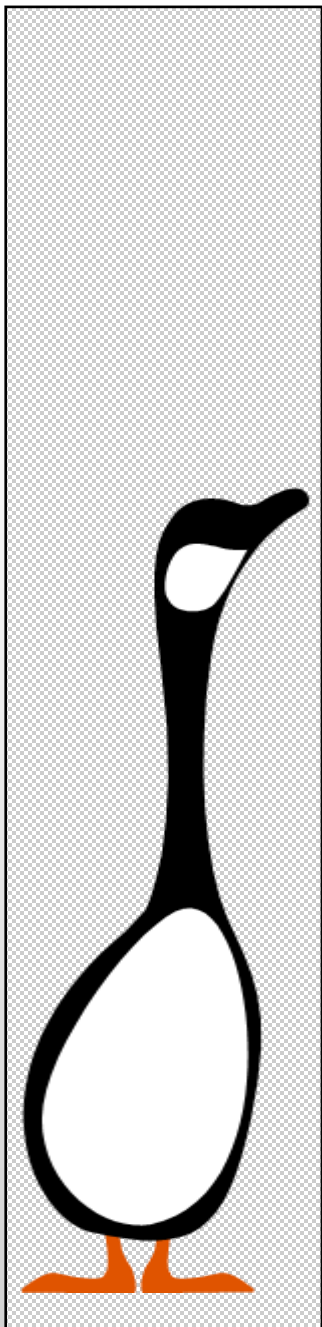
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by Sue Orsen  
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International travel was not required for us to spend time with those famous paintings that adorn the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. We found original size reproductions, up close and personal, on the second floor at the Mall of America, only a few minutes' drive from our home in Victoria, Minnesota.

We could reach out and touch the figures, many in their birthday suits, but we didn't. However, we were as close to the artwork as Michelangelo himself would have been, except he had to deal with scaffolding to observe the details of his work and we walked upright in comfort.

The museum quality reproductions were available to us in February through advance online reservations, inexpensive \$20 tickets, and \$3 audio guides. I can't imagine doing the exhibit without the earbuds, for they clearly and expertly brought the exhibit to life, like knowledgeable teachers in an otherworldly classroom.

Fifteen years ago, we visited the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, along with many other sights one would expect to find on a tourist's itinerary in Rome. I've got personal photographs of the Pieta and David, both sculpted by Michelangelo, also the Bernini Colonnade and St. Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps. Much of it is documented in Sue's Album in my online pages of the 2006 trip to Italy, located at VictoriaGazette.com.

But the only images I have of the Sistine Chapel are on posters and in books, since cameras were not allowed inside those historic quarters, wherein cardinals are sequestered and popes are elected.

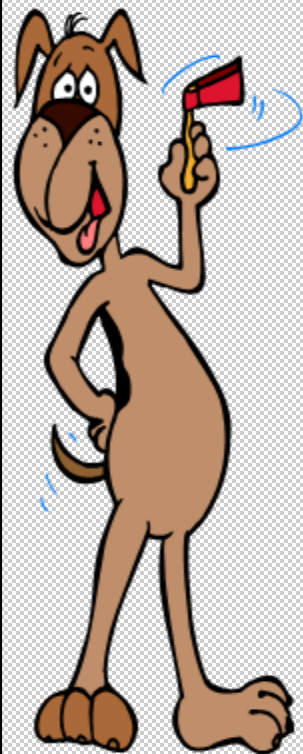
The prohibition against cameras is not because of the hallowed ground but because of the hallowed frescoes painted by Michelangelo. We were told that the flash of a camera is off limits for several reasons. For one thing, it's a distracting element to other visitors. It's also a killer of pigments, as when colors fade from exposure to sunlight. But leaving my camera sequestered in my purse while visiting the Sistine Chapel was agony.

At the Mall of America exhibit, I was in ecstasy. The show was phenomenal, more than I could have imagined. They suggested it would take about an hour, but it took me and Allan two hours, and I could easily return for another go-through. It's available to the public through Easter.

In this time of lockdown, quarantine, isolation, and fear mongering, this exhibit offers a life-giving view of the world through the eyes of someone who was obviously very aware of God.

I learned that Michelangelo's ceiling, which he painted in only four years, from 1508 to 1512, contains scenes from the Old Testament, from the Creation of the World to Noah and the Flood. I learned that Michelangelo painted 33 frescos on the famous ceiling and that reproductions of all 33 are on exhibit at the Mall of America, plus his "Last Judgment," which he painted on the back wall of the Sistine Chapel.

I took pictures of many of the exhibits and they appear in my online album. Return to the Gazette's Home Page and Click on Sue's Album.



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How many people have rung your front doorbell in the last 12 months? Same here. So when my front doorbell rang recently -- it was on Wednesday, February 10th -- I froze. Not only were we still in the midst of face masks, social distancing, and vaccinations, but also in the midst of a windchill advisory. Temperature was below zero. But the front doorbell rang.

I should add here that we never shovel our front walk in the winter because family and friends use our back walk, which is kept shoveled and cleared. In other words, our front door goes dormant soon after the first snow of the season. The front walk to that front door was now piled with several inches of snow and drift, and you couldn't see where the steps began or ended. But the front doorbell rang.

In the spring, it's a lovely promenade on the paver path to our front door. Hosta beds come alive and window planters wait for impatiens of the orange-crush hue. Light breezes are welcoming. Cardinals flit across the yard. Yellow finches are busy making a nest behind the gutter spout. Squirrels chase each other like brothers playing tag.

It would not be family or friends ringing my front doorbell this time of year. Not even the UPS man goes to my front door in the winter. I'm not dressed to answer my front doorbell. I've come to wear nighttime jammies and daytime jammies and sometimes the two get mixed up. But I am wearing Uggs so I could trudge through the snow if necessary.

I open the front door and there stood two men in the snow, in boots, coats and caps and scarves. They had backed off to more than six feet from the door -- more than a dozen feet, in fact -- but they were not wearing face masks. I could hear myself close to shouting, "What can I do for you?"

One of them replied, "We're wondering if you had hail damage." Hail damage? I didn't point out they were in the wrong season. Instead I simply replied, "Nope. We've got a new roof and somebody checked it last year and it's just fine."

But they weren't done. The second guy asked, "Do you get deer here?" I glanced at my two big winter reindeer, the pre-lit variety, a few feet behind them and bit my tongue. Instead I simply replied, "Yes, we do. We get a lot of deer here."

I love my reindeer, a gift one year from daughter Jenny. One of them appears to be nibbling on something under the snow. The other one, with an impressive set of antlers, peers into the distance, nose in the air, as if on alert to protect his mate. Neither one has their lights on because they're adjusted to automatically go off after sunrise and back on at sunset.

Another question: "Have you seen any bucks with big antlers?" he asked.

"Yes," I replied. "Our deer come with or without antlers and in all sizes."

He said, "Well, you really should check your yard and the woods because they're shedding their antlers now and you'd probably find some."

Hmmm, I thought to myself. Are antlers valuable? Like tusks of ivory? We have sets of antlers mounted in Allan's man cave. Are they collector items? Do some people go in search of them? Through deep snow in subzero temperatures? But the only thing I said out loud was, "Okay."

Then the first guy said, "I noticed you have a large AC unit up on your roof. Why on your roof?"

The two men, rather youngish, appeared harmless and their voices were not threatening, just friendly, and their faces were hanging out like mine. No face masks, as I said. Besides, Allan was inside only a few feet away from me, sitting in his favorite chair, which should really be replaced after these several years into his retirement. Besides, I've never been asked that question before by anyone at my front door, so I replied, "To cool the upstairs in the summer. We've got a second one on the north side to cool this level. When we built our house 50 years ago, we didn't think we needed air conditioning so we went with hot water heat. We've lost of a lot of trees over the years which lets the sun in so we added central air."

The second guy said, "Well, you've certainly got a beautiful home here, and it's tucked away into all this privacy. Let us know if you ever want us to check for hail damage."

And off they went, trudging down the hill through the snow. I wonder when my front door bell will ring again. It might happen tomorrow. After all, people are hard up for conversation today. How does that song go? "People who need people are the luckiest people in the world."



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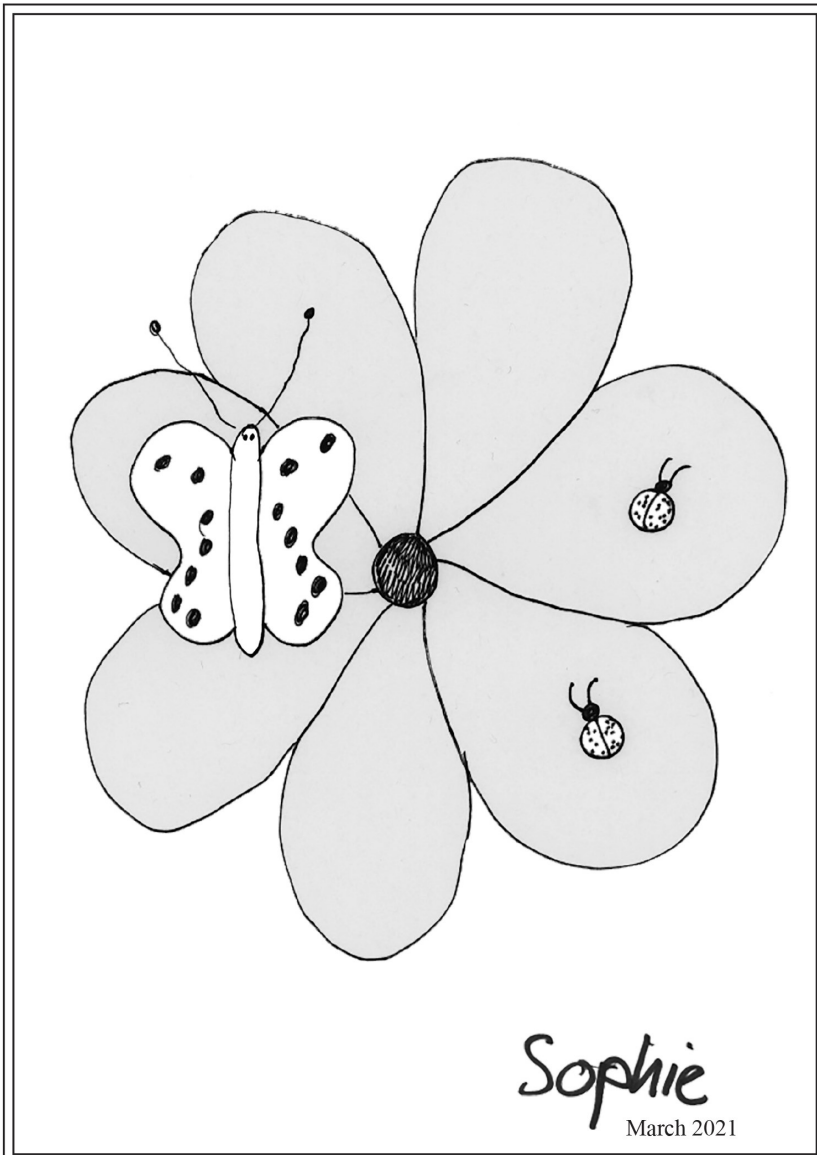
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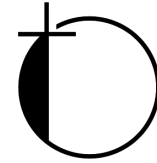
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**To the Editor:**

Hi, Sue. Several years ago on a bright, sunny, summer day, Loane decided to take his boat and go fishing. I hadn't heard from him for a few hours, so I called and said, "Any fish? Where are you?" After a long pause, he said, "I'm in the ER at 212."

"OMG," said I. "What happened?"

Replied the fisherman, "I got a fishhook deep in my right hand and I couldn't get it out with my left."

I hope that cute, chubby baby on page 14 in the February Gazette doesn't end up in the ER.

*Joyce Burau  
Victoria, Minnesota*

**To the Editor:**

Happy Thursday! A quick note to recognize your 41st year bringing the Victoria Gazette and all the information and entertainment value it holds to Carver County. If you're interested, a call-out from this week's County Board meeting, around the 6:10 p.m. mark. Keep up the good work.

*Matt Udermann  
Carver County Commissioner*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you, Matt. I'm in my 42nd year of doing the Gazette, entering my 43rd year this spring.

**To the Editor:**

Hi, Sue. Thank you for always being so flexible about getting the Victoria Lions stuff in the Gazette. It is so greatly appreciated. Warm regards.

*Laura Metzger  
Victoria Lions Club*

**To the Editor:**

Thank you so much for sending us the Gazette in Arizona. It's great to get the Victoria news. We got the paper a couple days ago. Loved the teddy bears! Reminded me of the one Vern gave me 65 years ago! Hope you and your family all are well. Hugs.

*Gail Buller  
Mesa, Arizona*

**To the Editor:**

To be honest, I almost never can find the fishhook when I remember to look for it, and I've never let you know those few times that I do find it. So I just thought I'd share that I found the fishhook in the February Gazette on page 24 in Alex Lackmann's glasses. Hope you and Al are doing well. All the best.

*Paul Kohls  
Victoria, Minnesota*

**To the Editor:**

Good morning, Sue. I like reading your paper every month. It is the best paper around this area that we live in. Keep up the great work that you do on the paper. I found the fishhook on page 14 on the right side of the baby's leg.

*Dona Ebert  
St. Bonifacius*

**To the Editor:**

Greetings, Sue. Having completed reading and reflecting on the article, "Upon Reflection," published in the February Victoria Gazette, I noted the fishhook on the youngster's diaper, page 14. Additionally, this article from John Flora is exceptionally well written and it created many interesting thoughts of the sensitivity, development, and dignity of a pleasant long life.

*Stan Hamerski  
Chaska, Minnesota*

**To the Editor:**

Hi, Sue. Thank you for all you do to keep our community connected and informed. I found the fishhook on page 24 around the man's glasses, holding the large fish. Thank you for continuing this fun activity and tradition. It makes me enjoy your paper even more.

*Debbie Scott  
Victoria, Minnesota*

**To the Editor:**

Great paper! I almost forgot to write you a check.

*Gary Olson  
Victoria, Minnesota*

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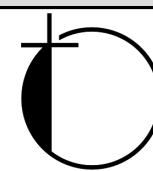


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### **EIGHT VICTORIA RESIDENTS INTERVIEWED TO FILL THE FIFTH VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL SEAT**

On February 8th, 2021, four members of the Victoria City Council — Mayor Deb McMillan, Judy Black, Derek Gunderson, and Chad Roberts -- selected Alvin Hebert to fill the fifth council seat that was vacated in January when Councilmember Deb McMillan was sworn in as Mayor of Victoria. Ten residents initially applied for the two-year appointment, but just eight stepped forward to be interviewed: Daniel Elliott, Greg Evansky, Lance Fisher, David Hatten, Alvin Hebert, Mitch Kluska, Christian Pederson, Kristen Thoreson.

### **FOUR MORE QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES ALVIN HEBERT CHOSEN UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE**

After the eight candidates responded February 8th to prepared questions from the four sitting councilmembers, each of the four councilmembers publicly and vocally identified their top three candidates. Mayor Deb McMillan voiced her top three choices, then Councilmember Derek Gunderson, then Councilmember Chad Roberts, then Councilmember Judy Black.

A tie resulted between two candidates, Mr. Hebert and Mr. Kluska. A voice vote was unanimous for Mr. Hebert.

### **STATE LEGISLATORS AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VISIT VICTORIA CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF**

Five elected officials from the area, each representing all or a portion of Victoria citizens, visited Victoria City Council Chambers on Monday, February 8th. Each were able to accept the invitation from the City of Victoria, two in person (Commissioner Matt Udermann and Representative Greg Boe) and three remotely (Senator Julia Coleman, Representative Jim Nash, and Commissioner Tom Workman), introduce themselves, and address the Council and people of Victoria.

### **HOW DID CARVER COUNTY GET ONE STOP POLICING? SHERIFF JASON KAMERUD TELLS THE STORY**

At a city workshop on February 8th, Carver County Sheriff Jason Kamerud presented a brief history of how police contracting in the county was initiated back in the 1960s and how it evolved to become what it is today. For 2021, the City of Victoria contracts with the Carver County Sheriff's Department for four deputies for 24/7 coverage plus 150 hours of a Community Service Office. Cost to Victoria taxpayers in 2021 is \$505,325.

### **UPDATE ON EMERALD ASH BORER 696 ASH TREES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN VICTORIA**

Council heard February 22nd about the continuing Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) program in Victoria, from Victoria Park and Rec Director Ann Manhnke and from Rainbow Tree Care Consultant Jeff Hafner. Mr. Hafner said the 2020 inventory identifies 696 high quality ash trees, with 529 injected (protected) with EAB treatment -- 414 on public property, and 115 on private property.

### **LETTER TO VICTORIA FROM HOUSING FIRST MN TO TALK ABOUT CITY'S BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

Reported City Attorney Bob Vose on February 22nd, "We received a letter from Housing First, which is an advocacy group that represents developers in Minnesota. They've been monitoring all over the metro area, building permit fees."

### **VICTORIA COUNCILMEMBER ALVIN HEBERT SWORN INTO OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 22ND**

After being interviewed and chosen at the February 8th council meeting, (see pages 18 and 19) Alvin Hebert (pronounced ai'-bair) took the oath of office on February 22nd, as administered by City Clerk Cindy Patnode. Councilmember Hebert received a hearty round of applause and was officially seated.

### **PLAN COVERS SIGNIFICANT PART OF VICTORIA PREPARING FOR A \$206 MILLION INVESTMENT**

Council approved 4-0 a resolution of support at a workshop on February 8th for the Arboretum Area Transportation Plan. As reported in the past, the Plan identifies 20 projects and a total investment of \$206 million for improvements to the following corridors: Hwy 5, West 82nd Street, Rolling Acres Road, Bavaria Road, and Hwy 41. The partners include Carver County, MnDOT, the Arboretum, and the cities of Victoria, Chanhassen, and Chaska.

### **REDESIGNING UTILITIES FOR SOUTH VICTORIA AS DEVELOPMENT BEGINS TO LOOK IMMINENT**

In the absence of City Engineer Cara Geheren on February 22nd, City Manager Dana Hardie gave an update of the South Area Utility Extension Project. The area features land in the area of County Road 10 and County Road 11, currently located in Laketown Township, but ripe for annexation and development as the City of Victoria expands southward. As recommended, Council voted to authorize redesign. Estimated cost of the sanitary sewer project is \$3 million. Estimated cost of the trunk watermain is \$600,000.

### **SOUTHERN VALLEY ALLIANCE VISITS VICTORIA PROVIDING FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE**

Council heard from a representative of Southern Valley Alliance in the Open Forum section of their February 22nd council meeting. Katie Schaumann introduced herself as the Community Engagement Coordinator for Southern Valley Alliance.

### **TEAM 112 ADVOCATES FOR SCHOOLS SPEAKS TO VICTORIA CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Ann Frischmann, a resident of Victoria on Gallery Parkway, spoke to councilmembers on February 22nd about Team 112, a group of parents, teachers, and community members who live and work in School District 112.

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**STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN.** Our granddaughter Emily, living in Grand Marais, MN, loves early morning hikes and photographing the beauty of the North Shore. Sunrise yesterday (February 6th), with a temperature of 22 degrees below zero (-22), she captured this Stairway to Heaven -- frozen waves off Lake Superior. Literally, very cool.

*Stan Hamerski  
Chaska, Minnesota*

#### DEAR VICTORIA COMMUNITY.

Wow! We asked and we received! Thank you to all who sent valentines to the residents of Emerald Crest of Victoria. What a joy to open up the mailbox and see over 200 pieces of mail addressed to our residents, filled with "love" from our Victoria neighbors. A special thank you to St. Victoria for the Valentine gift bags. Our residents really enjoyed all that was included. This past year has been tough on us all, but even tougher on our residents who, due to the pandemic, have been separated from family and friends longer than we expected. These Valentines definitely brightened our houses and days for our residents. God bless.

*Emerald Crest of Victoria, Staff and Residents  
Victoria, Minnesota*

#### MY FAVORITE PICTURES FROM VICTORIA.

We are coming up on the one-year anniversary of lockdown here in Minnesota and, in all honesty, I've enjoyed this year more than many, it seems, largely because of this town and my love for photography.

Oftentimes, going out, skating, and taking pictures helped me get through even the most tedious days at home. So I figured I'd share some of my favorite recent pictures from Victoria, all of them taken with a Canon Rebel XS and a 18-55 mm lens.

Looking back on the past year through the lens of my camera, it wasn't terrible. Feeling alone and disconnected from certain things just drew me closer to others. I feel that behind each picture is a story to tell, and that makes this year full of stories.

I first started going into downtown Victoria when days were dull. However, it has grown into something more, like a place I can always come back to. I took the reflection photo outside of Joel's Original Barbers. The alley photo is between The Noble Lion and Ruby's Roost, which I've grown fond of this year and have visited a lot.

*Toby Thomasson, age 14  
Victoria, Minnesota*

**TWO FISHHOOKS.** The boys were excited to each find a fishhook today in the February issue of the Gazette -- Luke on page 14 in the baby's leg and Daniel on page 24 in the sunglasses. Were there two fishhooks in February?

*Jennifer Tyson  
Victoria, Minnesota*



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There were accidentally two fishhooks hiding in the February issue of the Gazette. One was on page 14 in the little baby's leg, the same location as back in 2009 when I first printed the article about "Reflections." Amazing that I didn't see it myself the second time around, but many of you did! And some of you also found the second fishhook in the February paper, on page 24 on the fisherman's sunglasses, which is the only one I thought there was until I heard from some of you. All were included in the drawing.

When I reached into the minnow bucket, I pulled out Mike Henry who writes from Mincom Systems of Victoria. Mike spied the hook in the fisherman's sunglasses and wins the drawing for \$10. Congratulations, Mike! Glad you love the paper.

There's another fishhook hidden in this March issue of the paper. I hope it's the only one you'll find this time. If you wish to be part of the next drawing, email Sue@VictoriaGazette telling of its location or drop a line to P.O. Box 387 and sinker in the mail. Simple dimple!

*Sue*



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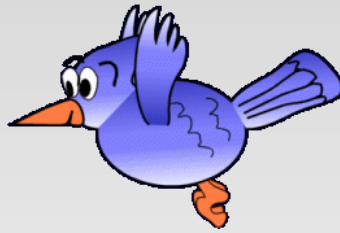
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**City Council Meetings.** Second and fourth Mondays, March 8th and 22nd, City Hall on Stieger Lake Lane, 6:30 p.m.

**Daylight Saving Time.** Sunday, March 14th. At 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned forward one hour to Sunday, March 14th, 3:00 a.m. Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour later on March 14th than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.

**St. Patrick's Day.** Wednesday, March 17th. The day is named after Saint Patrick (385-461), the most commonly recognized of the patron saints of Ireland. One of his teaching methods included using the shamrock to explain the Christian doctrine of the Trinity.

**Spring Begins.** Saturday, March 20th. Around March 20th or 21st each year, when sunrise and sunset are about twelve hours apart everywhere on earth. Also called the vernal equinox, it's when the sun sits directly above the equator on its apparent trip northward. Of course, the sun isn't moving; the earth is.

**Gazette Deadline.** Monday, March 22nd. Email Sue@VictoriaGazette.com or use P.O. Box 387, Victoria, MN 55386.

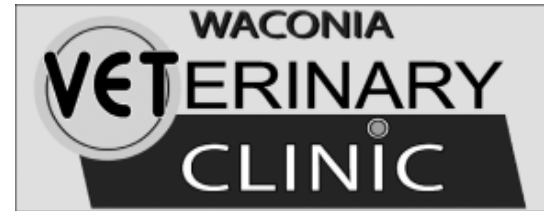
**Palm Sunday.** Sunday, March 28th. Marks the beginning of Holy Week. Commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey and people greeting him with palm leaves.

**Full Moon.** Sunday, March 28th. The moon is full when the moon is on the opposite side of the earth from the sun. When this occurs, the entire surface of the moon looks to be illuminated. The full moon occurs every 29.53058 days.



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*"Despite the forecast, live like it's already spring."*  
**A. Nonnie Mouse**

*"Liberal arts are in so much trouble today  
because they've been stripped  
of their vertical dimension and are, therefore,  
unable to explain the world and to justify their existence."*  
**Michial Farmer**

**"Much Higher Education" in Touchstone,  
September/October 2020.**

*"Turning our backs on the liberal arts in favor of STEM fields  
and professional programs means cutting students off from  
a full understanding of what human beings are  
and what we do well."*

**Michial Farmer**  
**"Much Higher Education" in Touchstone,  
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*"Human beings are created for work. T  
his design was not withdrawn or cancelled even  
with the Fall. Not work, but the ground was cursed.  
In working we are most like God."*

**J. Daryl Charles**  
**"JPII at 100" in Touchstone, September/October 2020.**

*"It is reasonable to think t  
hat an enduring democratic republic  
requires some virtue on the part of its citizens."*

**Hunter Baker**  
**"The End of Liberal Democracy" in Touchstone,  
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*"Wash your hands, wear a mask, practice social distancing,  
but don't get comfortable with that way of life."*

**Paul Mattaliano**  
**"Unsociable Distancing" in Touchstone,  
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*"The human face is how we are known  
and in the gaze of others how we know ourselves."*

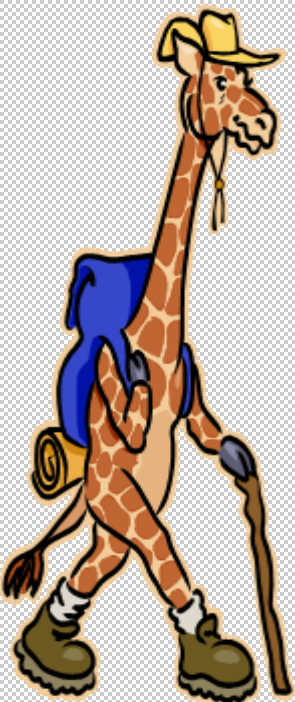
**Devin O'Donnell**  
**"Till We Have Faces Covered" in Touchstone,  
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*"The medieval cathedrals of Europe  
are the most glorious works of folk art  
that the world has ever known."*

**Anthony Esolen**  
**"The Ugly and the Good" in Touchstone,  
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*"We do not build such beautiful things today because we do  
not want them, which derives from a malady characteristic  
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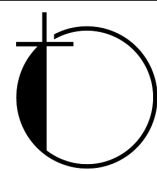
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