

# Vanduser, Missouri

## Mayors Monthly Message

**March 2015**

Spring is in the air; for as I write this, we're encountering a 65-degree Wednesday night with a Severe Thunderstorm Watch until 2 am. I have always been told if you don't like the Missouri weather just wait a day it will change and 2015 so far has been a perfect example. I'm pretty excited about what the next few months hold for our community. Springtime work has started around town as many residents have been cleaning yards and tidying up from old man winter. The town has also started with springtime chores. Gravietts Memorial ball field is being worked for the ball season and the Memorial sign will be put up this month. LED lighting will be added to the outside of the concession stand and plans of a new curb appeal will complete the touch. Since taking office as Mayor in 2013 it's been my goal to add a sparkle to Vanduser's look and what better way to spruce up the first things that invite you to our town. Remember the Yard of the Month will start back in April which is right around the corner so please take a stand with us this year by keeping your personal property clean. Citizens are kindly reminded that you are responsible for keeping your yard up to code with the Ordinances. You will be seeing improvements to the outside of the Scott County Rural Fire Station in Vanduser as new guttering is going up. Improvements to the inside will take place as well for they had damage to the new office area during the snow storms. Street improvements will be underway in the next few months as the pile of paperwork that goes into a project this large is about complete. In the March Council meeting Smith & Company out of Poplar Bluff was selected as the engineering firm for the street improvements. Bill Robbison which is the towns Engineer will be in charge of this project. All streets excluding Bugg Street will be repaved. You will see some different signage going up as only certain streets in town will allow for heavy semi-trucks. These two streets will be Hamilton Street near the Vanduser Gin Company and Beech Street going North to Mason Street. All others streets shall have no semi-trucks traveling on them. We will soon be looking for summer workers to help with other projects. Mowing bids were opened during the March Council meeting with Kindel Ward of Sikeston being selected as this years contract holder so we want to welcome him. The mowing of city property should start in April. The citizens of Vanduser had many mountains to climb with loosing some life long residents. This month alone we have said good-bye to Billie Burton, Floyd Pobst and Robert Hargrove which were all outstanding men of Vanduser. I'm blow away on how the town we call home pulls together in such tragedies to show their love and support. To the families on behalf of the City Council we send our most sincere condolences. Lastly, I want to acknowledge that I am proud to call Vanduser my home and hope each of you reading this feels the same. Vanduser is on an uphill climb and it wouldn't be possible without the support of our town.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Hargrove-Mayor