New business to open May 2

Renovations have been completed, merchandise is stocked and owner Brice Summers is set to begin business in Victoria. American Shooters, located in the former grocery store building, officially opens its doors on May 2 with a grand opening scheduled for early June.

Summers and his crew have been working for several months to re-purpose the structure. New wiring, plumbing and interior design will give customers a completely different feel upon entering.

The operation will feature a full range of firearms and archery items as well as a new attraction: hydrographics, a decorative process that can be applied to a variety of surfaces such as guns, antlers, etc.

Summers also has stocked a line of Myron-Mixon pellet grills and all the supplies to go with them.

In addition to Summers, the business will employ three others: Shane Bisenman, bow technician, Tyler Haselhorst, hydrographic specialist, and Sheri Brown, bookkeeper.

Store hours have been set as Mon.-Fri. 10-7 and Saturdays 10-3. They will be closed on Sundays.

This is Summers’ second store. His Hays location by the same name has been open since 2013.

Shooters has a website: www.americanshootersllc.com as well as a Facebook page.
Calendar of Events

**May**
1—May Day
3—Teacher Appreciation Day
8—Mother’s Day
9—School Board Meeting
15—High School Graduation
16—Spring Concert
16—City Council Meeting
19—Last Day of School :)

**June**
10—Iced Tea Day
13—School Board Meeting
14—Flag Day
17—St. Patrick’s Day
18—First Day of Summer
20—City Council Meeting
24—Take Your Dog to Work Day

**July**
4—Independence Day
6—National Fried Chicken Day
11—School Board Meeting
18—City Council Meeting

Talk of the Town

**New food wagon offers BBQ**

Rods & Rib BBQ of WaKeeney made its debut in Victoria on Mar. 7 opening at 11:00 a.m. One of the first in line to make a purchase was Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach. The wagon is manned by Byron Schonthaler and his wife Diane. They plan to make a weekly trip to Victoria.

Their menu includes ribs (pulled pork & pulled pork sandwiches, brisket & brisket sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, traditional potato salad, traditional coleslaw, baked beans and pasta salad.

Lunch is served! Byron & Diane Schonthaler of WaKeeney welcome Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach as one of their first customers.

Some citizens have made inquiries about the possibility of the City accepting payment by credit cards. To date, this has not been considered because of the added fees that would be passed on to the customer. However, if there is significant interest, officials would look into it. Let us know if you would like to see this become an option.

**Water Permit**

As summer approaches, residents are reminded that the City does offer a permit that will allow them to do non-cosmetic household jobs like power washing or other necessary maintenance jobs. The form is available upon request from the City office during regular business hours.

The City Office tries to keep an updated list of individuals who do jobs like mowing, weeding, painting, etc. If you would like to have your name on this list, please contact us with your information. If you have been on the list but no longer wish to be, please let us know that as well.

Thank you to our citizens who make use of the recycling trailers provided by the City as well as the compost pile and burn pile. By responsibly disposing of your recyclable items, you are helping reduce the landfill load and setting an example of good citizenship!

**Ever Wonder?**

Why people order a double cheeseburger, large fries and a diet Coke?
Why, if flying is so safe, they call the airport the terminal?
**New Billing Option**

Now that the City has a new utility billing system, we have the capability of providing monthly statements for our customers via email. If you would be interested in making this change, please complete the form below and return to the City office. E-Bills would be sent on the first of each month just like our traditional bills. You do not have to be signed up for automatic payment withdrawal to receive electronic billing. If you have questions, please contact the City office.

Name on the account:  
Address:  
Email address:  

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

**News from St. Fidelis**

St. Fidelis Church will again sponsor the Summer Lunch Program for any children. Parents, grandparents or any other caregivers are welcome to join us. The program will be Monday through Friday from 11:00-11:30 at the Parish Activity Center beginning June 1. The Thrift Shop continues to do well and we would like to thank everyone who supports. We are always taking donations.

**Dirty Car or Pickup?**

Call E-MACULATE, the mobile carwash for vehicle detailing. Eric McAlonan will be happy to bring his service to you. Check out his Facebook page or give him a call at (785) 735-7166.

Residents are reminded that sewer averages are figured on their water usage between December 20 and March 20. The new amount is reflected on the May bills. These averages are kept for one year.

**Pool Update**

New pool managers for this year are Kori Braun and Karen Nowak. They have been working with the City Council to see that facilities and equipment are updated and ready for opening day. They hope to implement some new activities: two nights per week from 7-9 pm will be set aside for adults with swim activities such as yoga, water aerobics, etc. Two other nights per week will feature kids’ time with games, movies, and fun nights. Check the City Facebook page for updates throughout the season.

Swimming lessons are set for two weeks: week 1 June 13-17; week 2 June 20-24.

For details call the pool number.
Provided by USD #432 Superintendent David Ottley

Spring is upon us! It has truly been a remarkable year at USD #432. We have celebrated growth in the classroom at VES as students continue to be their best on a daily basis. They have embraced the use of iPads and the multitude of opportunities that they can provide. VJSH students continue to take advantage of hands-on curriculum, technology, dual credit classes, one-on-one attention for improvement and the many other opportunities that are available to them. We have celebrated six players qualifying for state tennis, a state football championship, a third place state finish in boys basketball, FCCLA success and many other things that USD #432 is thankful for.

USD #432 recently received final approval for The Victoria USD 432 Foundation, Inc. The mission of The Victoria USD 432 Foundation, Inc. is to support the Victoria school district in its pursuit of excellence. The Foundation’s goal is to provide funding for a creative and challenging curriculum to meet the needs of students as they move forward to a post-secondary opportunity. Through the Foundation, alumni, parents, businesses and other supporters of our schools can improve the opportunities for our students in the classroom and beyond. The Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation pursuant to IRS regulations.

The Foundation will make it possible to meet the needs of our students in a variety of ways:

* Classroom Grant Opportunities
* Scholarship Opportunities for Our Students
* Enhancement Materials and Supplies for Classrooms
* Special Building Projects
* Supplement Students in Need
* Extra-Curricular Activities

The initial governing Board of Directors for the Foundation are: David Ottley, President, Allen Dreiling, Vice-President, Darrell Dortland, Treasurer, Kevin Huser and Alan Schulte. Melissa Schmidt will serve as the secretary for the Foundation.

Information about the Foundation and USD #432 can be accessed at www.usd432.org.

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.