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The Haviland Community Garden

by Linda Simmons

Two years ago, a small group of local residents, led by Jon and Debbie Folkerts, Willard Ferguson, Allen Binford, and June Boettcher, envisioned a bridge that would take the love of God to the Haviland community, especially those in need. Proverbs 22:9 encourages us, "He who is generous will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." A community garden provides free produce to those in need and gives those of us with a desire to garden but without the resources of land, equipment, money, or expertise a way to participate in gardening. Everyone is welcome to partake of the harvest – no strings attached.

Jerry and June Hickey donated the use of a plot of land at the east end of Chestnut Street, and the City of Haviland graciously agreed to provide the water. Several individuals began to donate their time, expertise, and resources to the project, and the Haviland Community Garden was born. Summer vegetables, which included corn, tomatoes, green beans, melons, cucumbers, and squash, were planted and tended. Some crops did better than others, much was learned, and many people enjoyed some locally grown produce, which was set out on a special table in front of June's house on Main Street.

By the spring of 2010, interest in the project had blossomed. Joe and Kathleen Blair donated the use of an additional plot of land toward the north end of town, just east of the intersection of Elm and Wichita. Again, the City of Haviland donated the water. Paul and Patty Ross donated a tiller, and many others donated seeds, plants, tools, hoses, sprinklers, plastic bags, hay for mulch, or money for whatever was lacking. Dan Woods did much of the soil preparation and provided a wealth of gardening expertise and hard work. Several residents volunteered to be group leaders and many helped, as they were able. During their community service day a large group of college students helped plant potatoes and other spring crops, as well as remove as much grass from the south garden plot as possible. After the crops were planted, each group tended the garden one week per month – watering, harvesting, weeding, etc. The south garden plot (the corn garden) was tended almost single-handedly by Allen Binford, while the organized groups tended the north garden where both cool weather and warm weather crops were grown. Cool weather crops included potatoes, onions, lettuce, peas, radishes, carrots, beets, turnips, Swiss chard, spinach, and cabbage. Summer crops included summer and winter squash, tomatoes, peppers, green beans, okra, cucumbers, cantaloupe, watermelon, and pumpkins. We learned a lot about which crops grow well in this climate and soil, and how best to keep the garden watered. We spread hay mulch over the garden to keep weeds down and to work into the soil, along with some manure, when the season was over.

This year we are gearing up for a good harvest again with many participants from previous years, as well as some new blood. If you have a desire to participate in any, we would be happy to let you know how you can help. We especially need volunteers to join a group, which will take care of the garden one week a month, April through October. This usually involves 1-2 hours in the evening about 3 times during the week. We can also use extra help at planting time or for other specialized work on a one-time basis. Contact Willard Ferguson at 862-5886 or Linda Simmons at 862-5654 for more information.

The Haviland Community Garden has exceeded our expectations in amazing ways. In addition to providing an opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise, and to eat healthy food produced at a fraction of the cost of what can be bought in the store – we estimate the gardens produced thousands of dollars worth of vegetables last year – it has also built a sense of camaraderie in the community and given us a sense of joy in giving and sharing with others. Come join us!



Women in the Military

We have women in the military, but they don't put us in the front lines. They don't know if we can fight. I think we can. All the general has to do is walk over to the women and say, "You see the enemy over there? They say you look fat in those uniforms."



* * Mayor's Musings * *

As I am sure you are aware the City of Haviland has a problem with the nitrate level in our water that exceeds that allowed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (10 ppm). The City Council has been investigating several options to alleviate the problem. One option is an ion exchange that would take the nitrates out of all the water including what is put on the lawn and everything that goes down the drain. Haviland uses about forty-four million gallons of water per year. The installation of a system to clean this much water would cost about \$1.345 million just for the system and does not include the cost of operation. If this system is to be financed through some type of bonds the addition to each person's water bill could add from \$27 to \$72 per month depending on the payback period varying from 20 to 40 years. I am not willing to place this type of burden on our kids and grandkids.

The second option for clean water is to install an individual reverse osmosis system in each home and business. I know that there will be some inconvenience having to go to one central point in the home such as the kitchen for drinking water but it will still be handier than going to the fire station to get water. I am working with the council to hold the monthly cost to a minimal increase in your water bill. If you would like more details on RO systems or on the bonding process, please feel free to contact me any time.

Another issue that keeps coming up is excess trash and junk around town. We have ordinances in place where fines can be levied against violators. I would prefer not to go that route. What I would ask you to do is when you come home sometime, slow down and look at your property as everyone else sees it and then look around and see if there is anything that you haven't used for a long time or don't really need and see about doing away with it. If it is too big or you have no way to haul it to the landfill, we, in coordination with Nisly Brothers, Inc., will be having a citywide cleanup day on Saturday, May 21. Nisly Brothers will, in the meantime, pick up many things that the county would not, such as general household clean up, couches, chairs, or other furniture, etc. They will not pick up commercial trash, remodeling/construction debris, roofing material, appliances, tires, concrete, etc. For a complete list, please contact City Hall.

Local Haviland Weather

Did you know that you could find out Haviland weather by just dialing a local number? That number is 862-6000. It will tell you the time, temperature, humidity, wind, wind chill, precipitation for the day, and barometric pressure. Try it out!

Siren Testing

Kiowa County will be testing the storm sirens every Saturday at 12:30 p.m. for 30 seconds, except as follows:

*A Severe thunderstorm or tornado watch or warning is in effect at the time of the test, or has been in effect within six hours preceding the time of the test.

*Severe weather is forecast for any period up to 6:00 p.m. the day of the test.



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Cleanup Day, May 21

With the help of Nisly Brothers, the City will be sponsoring Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 21. If you have any unwanted items to be hauled off, put them by your curb before 7:00 a.m. This includes:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Boxes and bags of trash | Mattresses |
| Household clean up | Appliances |
| Junk furniture | Other bulky items |

Put trash in throwaway boxes or bags. **No loose piles of trash! No box or bag may exceed 40 pounds in weight. Nisly Brothers will collect the above items.**

Appliances and other metal will be collected and recycled.

The City and local volunteers will pick up the following:

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| Brush | Construction trash |
| Plaster and drywall | Roofing material |
| Concrete | Loose piles of trash |
| Household hazardous waste (paint, cleaners, chemicals, etc.) | |

Please keep all items that the City will be picking up separate from the items that Nisly Brothers will be collecting.

Volunteers are needed! Meet at the park at 8:00 a.m.

If you have questions, needs, concerns, complaints or anything that warrants the council's attention, please contact the City Office at 620-862-5317, or send an e-mail to cityhall@havilandtelco.com.

For water or sewer emergencies, contact Wes Jantz at 620-546-5601.

If you plan to do any digging, contact 1-800-DIG-SAFE (344-7233) before you dig.

CITY OF HAVILAND

Robert Ellis, Mayor

Council Members

Kay Unruh Dwight Smitherman
Don Chenoweth Steve Larsh
Ed Davis

Wes Jantz, City Superintendent
Shari McAfee, City Clerk
Millie Hannan, City Treasurer

♻️ Recycle ♻️

The Kiowa County recycling trailer will continue to come to Haviland every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. as long as needed. The truck and trailer always park south of the old fire station.

“J” Turns

“J” turns continue to be a problem on Main Street. In case you hadn't noticed, double yellow lines remain on the first and second blocks of north Main Street. These were added in an attempt to keep people from making “J” turns in front of businesses, and also from making “J” turns when backing out of a parking space. Both turns are dangerous to traffic and pedestrians. Please use caution when parking on Main Street, and stop making “J” turns.

Nisly Update

Beginning on Wednesday, April 20, trash carts need to be set out by 7:00 a.m. Putting it in place on Tuesday evening is what many are doing. Remember to position the cart so that the arrows on the lid are facing the street.

Recycling is the **4th Wednesday** of each month. These carts are collected later on that day, but should be out by 8:00 a.m. Again, position the cart so that the arrows on the lid are facing the street.

If you have both trash and recycling carts, they need to be placed at least five feet apart, and do not place them next to a vehicle or any other obstacle.

If your trash or recycling is not collected, please call or email the office as soon as possible. Leave a phone message if calling before 10:00 a.m. If we know early enough, Nisly can be notified and your trash or recycling picked up that same day.

E-mail Addresses Wanted!

My e-mail list grows longer after each issue of the newsletter. Thanks to those who have responded.

To receive the newsletter and other City information by e-mail, just send an e-mail message to cityhall@havilandtelco.com.

City Election Results

Mayor Robert Ellis
Council Member. Steve Larsh
Council Member. Ed Davis

As retiring council members, M. J. Jones and Deb Smitherman are to be commended for their dedicated commitment to the Council and to the City of Haviland. Thank you for your years of service.

Automatic Water Payment

The City has an agreement with Haviland State Bank so that you can authorize payment of your water/sewer/trash utility bill through a checking or savings account. This is a free service to our customers. You can bank anywhere in the country and take advantage of this service. If interested, call or e-mail the office, and the form will be sent to you.



Expert of Parenting

The following is a true story written by an educational psychologist and her experience on a plane.

On a flight to Florida, I was preparing my notes for one of the parent-education seminars I conduct as an educational psychologist.

The elderly woman sitting next to me explained that she was returning to Miami after having spent two weeks visiting her six children, 18 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren in Boston.

Then she inquired what I did for a living.

I told her, fully expecting her to question me for free professional advice.

Instead she sat back, picked up a magazine and said, “If there's anything you want to know, just ask me.”



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETS
THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED.**

PUBLIC WELCOME!

Calendar of Events April 15 to July 15, 2011

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| April 17 | BC Drama "Beauty and the Beast – 3:00 p.m. | Hockett Auditorium | Haviland |
| April 18 | BC Drama "Beauty and the Beast – 7:00 p.m. | Hockett Auditorium | Haviland |
| April 19 | HS Golf – 1:00 p.m. | | Larned |
| April 21 | HS Track – 3:00 p.m. | | South Gray |
| April 21 | JH Track – 1:00 p.m. | | Cimarron |
| April 24 | Easter - "In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours." ≈Mark Twain | | |
| April 26 | HS Golf – 3:00 p.m. | | Greensburg |
| April 28 | JH Track – 3:00 p.m. | | Greensburg |
| April 29 | HS Track – 3:00 p.m. | | Greensburg |
| April 29 | HS Golf – 3:00 p.m. | | Greensburg |
| May 1 | BC Commencement – 3:00 | Hockett Auditorium | Haviland |
| May 3 | HS Track – 10:00 a.m. | | Jetmore |
| May 3 | HS Golf – 3:00 p.m. | | South Gray |
| May 5 | JH Track League Meet | | Ashland |
| May 6 | HS Track – 3:00 p.m. | | Bucklin |
| May 6 | HS Golf – 3:00 p.m. | | South Central |
| May 8 | Mother's Day - "Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs...since the payment is pure love." ≈Mildred B. Vermont "If you have a mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been." ≈Robert Brault | | |
| May 9 | HS Golf SPIAA | | Dodge City |
| May 12 | HS Golf – 1:00 p.m. | | Kinsley |
| May 14 | HS Graduation – 1:30 p.m. | Gymnasium | Greensburg |
| May 16 | HS Golf Regional | | |
| May 13 | HS Track League Meet | | Greensburg |
| May 19 | K-8 Vocal and Band Concert – 7:00 p.m. | Thompson Gymnasium | Haviland |
| May 20 | HS Track Regional | | |
| May 21 | Armed Forces Day - "It is easy to take liberty for granted, when you have never had it taken from you." ≈Author Unknown "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." ≈Abraham Lincoln | | |
| May 23 | HS Golf State | | |
| May 23 | 8 th Grade Graduation – 7:00 | Thompson Gymnasium | Haviland |
| May 25 | Little Olympics | | Greensburg |
| May 27-28 | HS Track State | | |
| May 30 | Memorial Day | | |
| Beginning of June | Wading Pool Opens – 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday | | |
| June 14 | Flag Day - "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity, representing our liberty." ≈George Washington, attributed | | |
| June 19 | Father's Day- "Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope." ≈Bill Cosby "Old as she was, she still missed her daddy sometimes." ≈Gloria Naylor | | |
| July 4 | Independence Day – "The United States is the only country with a known birthday." ≈James G. Blaine | | |

Do You Read the Newsletter???

We are curious about how many people actually read this newsletter. If you do, would you please respond by calling (862-5317) or e-mailing (cityhall@havilandtelco.com) the office, or telling the Mayor or a Council member? Thank you.

Just for Fun!

Hot Fudge Cake

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| 1-¾ cups packed brown sugar, divided | 2 Tbsp. butter, melted |
| 1 cup all-purpose flour | ½ tsp. vanilla extract |
| 6 Tbsp. baking cocoa, divided | 1-½ cups semisweet chocolate chips |
| 2 tsp. baking powder | 1-¾ cups boiling water |
| ½ tsp. salt | Vanilla ice cream |
| ½ cup 2% milk | |

In a small bowl, combine 1 cup brown sugar, flour, 3 Tbsp. cocoa, baking powder and salt. In another bowl, combine the milk, butter and vanilla; stir into dry ingredients just until combined. Spread evenly in a 3-qt. slow cooker coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle with chocolate chips.

In another small bowl, combine the remaining brown sugar and cocoa; stir in boiling water. Pour over batter (do not stir). Cover and cook on high for 4 to 4-½ hours or until a toothpick inserted near the center of the cake comes out clean. Serve warm with ice cream. Yield: 8 servings.

Note: This recipe does not use eggs.

Trivia

- Which state is called the Treasure State? _____
- Which Joe was nicknamed the Yankee Clipper? _____
- In Peter Pan, what sort of animal was Nana? _____
- What is Ohio's largest city? _____
- What was the name of the mansion where Elvis Presley died? _____
- In which country was a 2000 year old, life size terracotta army discovered? _____
- What does the B stand for in SCUBA diving? _____
- Who became the first US President to resign in office? _____
- Which lake provides Chicago with 20 miles of lakeshore? _____
- What's the name of the bird that cartoon cat Sylvester chases in vain? _____

Answers on page 6



I Guess You Might Say, 'Gotcha'.

I was driving when I saw the flash of a traffic camera. I figured that my picture had been taken for exceeding the limit even though I knew that I was not speeding.

Just to be sure, I went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed.

Now I began to think that this was quite funny, so I drove even slower as I passed the area once more, but the traffic camera again flashed.

I tried a fourth and fifth time with the same results and was now laughing as the camera flashed while I rolled past at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, I got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt. You know, you just can't fix stupid.



Due to recent budget cuts and the rising cost of electricity, gas and oil, as well as current market conditions and a few trillion dollars in bailouts for some corporations, the Light at the End of the Tunnel has been turned off.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

Commonyms

A commonym is a group of three words that have a common trait. For example: the words Car-Tree-Elephant, they all have trunks.

- Story-Fortune-Bank _____
- Rough-Curtain-Fringe _____
- Cows-Goats-Coconuts _____
- Charities-Golfers-Computers _____
- Flood-Pilot-Flash _____
- Grass-Clay-Hard _____
- Cross-Head-Tail _____
- Taxes-Heat-Dough _____
- Finger-House-War _____
- Tooth-Ice-Guitar _____

Answers on page 6

Hink Pinks

Hink Pinks are fun rhyming word riddles. The answer to the riddle is a pair of words that rhyme with each other. For example: Large Feline would be Fat Cat.

- Burn insect _____
- A reasonable request to God _____
- A wild animal's dinner _____
- Beggar buddy _____
- 4 + 5 could eat _____
- Where ghosts go to learn _____
- Wish hill _____
- Thin border _____
- Terrible craving for water _____
- Street frog _____

Answers on page 6

Mad Gabs

Mad Gabs are a group of words, that at first glance and first saying don't make sense...but say them slowly and listen to what you hear to figure out what the phrase is. Example: Common Firm Their Rain = Come In From The Rain.

- Dad As Adorn Ale
- Dad Donor Eyeful
- Dare Snow Window Wit
- Date Own Huff Hive Hunt Dread
- Dawn Bed Tone Knit

Answers on page 6

Places to Eat

Haviland has a variety of places to satisfy your need for food and beverage.

Dolly's Diner is open 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, and is closed on Monday.

Vic's Hardware and Convenience Store is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Saturday, and is closed on Sunday.

Origin's Coffeehouse is open 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, and is closed on Sunday.

The Bear's Den on the Barclay College campus is open 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Mini Minutes

* January 3, 2011

Mayor Ellis expressed his desire to appoint Dwight Smitherman to fill the vacant council position. *Jones made a motion to give Mayor Ellis consent and approval to appoint Smitherman. Unruh seconded the motion. Approve-3. Deb Smitherman abstained.*

* February 7, 2011

McAfee swore in Dwight Smitherman to the appointed position of council member, fulfilling the remainder of Robert Ellis' term, expiring April 30, 2013.

Jantz reported that the north well house needs an addition, approximately 5'x10', to house a chlorine system.

* March 7, 2011

Jones motioned that the City approve the installation of reverse osmosis systems in each home and business. Dwight Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

-- Answers --

Commonyms

1. Tellers
2. Parts of a golf course
3. They produce milk
4. They have drives
5. Lights
6. Tennis court surfaces
7. Winds
8. They all rise
9. Paints
10. Picks

Hink Pinks

1. Fry Fly
2. Fair Prayer
3. Beast Feast
4. Bum Chum
5. Nine Dine
6. Ghoul School
7. Hope Slope
8. Fine Line
9. Worst Thirst
10. Road Toad

Mad Gabs

1. Dead as a Doornail
2. Dead On Arrival
3. There's No End To It
4. Daytona 500
5. Don't Bet On It

Trivia

1. Montana
2. DiMaggio
3. Dog
4. Columbus
5. Graceland
6. China
7. Breathing
8. Richard Nixon
9. Michigan
10. Tweety Pie

PET CLINIC
SATURDAY, APRIL 16
9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON
FIRE STATION

☺ Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Larson by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled. I was restless at first because you got to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. but I'm getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay.

Men got to shave but it's not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much. We go on "route marches," which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox at home. The city guys get sore feet and we ride back in trucks.

The country is nice but awful flat. The sergeant is like a schoolteacher, he nags a lot. The captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Devils Lake. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6" and 130 pounds and he's 6'8" and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get on to this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter, Alice ☺

Nitrate Quarterly Report

DRINKING WATER WARNING

CITY OF HAVILAND Water Has High Levels of Nitrate

DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER SIX MONTHS OLD OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA

Water sample results collected 3/14/2011 from Well #2 showed nitrate levels of 13 mg/L, and Well #1 showed nitrate levels of 12 mg/L. This is above the federal nitrate standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 mg/L. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

What should I do?

- ❖ **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** *Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.* Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.
- ❖ Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.
- ❖ **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.
- ❖ Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water (nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can). However, if you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. We'll let you know when the amount of nitrate is again below the limit.

What is being done? At the March 7, 2011 meeting, the Council unanimously approved the installation of reverse osmosis systems in each home and business. The Council is getting bids from several companies and will determine the best one for the needs of the City.

For more information, please contact: Wesley Jantz or Shari McAfee at phone 620-862-5317, mailing address PO Box 264, Haviland, KS 67059-0264, or e-mail cityhall@haviglandtelco.com.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Haviland.

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