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*** Mayor's Musings ***

Two Haviland City Council members and myself met December 13 with the Kiowa County Economic Development Corporation in Greensburg. Also in attendance were the mayors from Mullinville and Greensburg, two county commissioners, board president, four board members and Dee Chandler, the director of the corporation.

We met for about an hour and a half and had lots of discussion. There are three things that stand out from that discussion.

1. There are too many organizations with too many directors and too many budgets trying to accomplish approximately the same goals.
2. The money (\$20,000) collected from the taxpayer and other sources has been paid as salary to the director.
3. The red tape involved with getting a loan from Great Plains Development, which is a group from which start-up loan money is supposed to be available, makes the process so complicated that only two businesses have made it through the mountain of paperwork. This money has come from donations by individuals, businesses and a grant by USDA.

The City of Haviland has loaned money to several local "start-up" businesses, some of which have paid off their notes and the rest are current on their payments. All of this was done after the presentation of a viable business plan with one sheet of paper and a handshake. From our experience, it takes about one-third the cost to do things ourselves and keep the federal government and development groups out of the mix.

Also discussed was rather than give tax incentives and property to lure someone from far away to come to the county, we should **TRADE AT HOME** and **SUPPORT OUR EXISTING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS**. Origins Coffeehouse, Haviland Hardware & Convenience Groceries, Haviland State Bank, Haviland Clinic, Haviland Post Office, Farmers Cooperative, Banco Insurance, Barclay College, Thompson's Greenhouse, Dolly's Diner, Home Again Senior Living, Haviland Grade School, Haviland Telephone Co., Haviland Care Center, Antique Junction and The Hairbender all provide many jobs and pay lots of taxes. It's a "bird in the hand".

As an update on providing you with clean water, after almost a year of being promised some rules and regulations of what is required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, we have received seven pages of guidelines that we have to comply with. We hope to be able to meet their demands without having to hire an engineer and an attorney. If we cannot avoid these two expenses, we may be looking at an increase in water rates. The council wants to hold the line if at all possible.

This column was not included in the last issued of "City Clips" as I didn't get around to submitting anything to Shari.

If you have managed to read this far, let me know what you think. I never get any feedback so I don't know if I'm wasting my time or not. You can see me on the street or send me an email to robbie@haviglandtelco.com. My home telephone number is 862-5678 and my cell number is 620-770-1239. Happy New Year!

Robert Ellis

Main Street Christmas Decorations

I hope you noticed the Christmas lights downtown. The streetlights on the first and second blocks of N. Main were enhanced by new decorations. The poles were wrapped with lighted garland and topped with beautiful red bows. One December morning they looked especially pretty with a dusting of frost from the night before.

The Christmas decoration committee was led by council member Kay Unruh and included Anita Ellis and Carol Kingrey, with oversight by Mayor Robert Ellis. They decorated the poles on the beautiful Friday after Thanksgiving. Neill Unruh, and Mark Clodfelter also helped decorate.

If you see these individuals, let them know how much their effort was appreciated.

Keep Streets Clean

When mowing grass, raking leaves, trimming bushes, please don't allow grass clippings, leaves, etc. to end up in the street. These items will find their way into the storm sewer and often cause clogs. Thank you for your help with this.

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.

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.

Email Addresses

If you would prefer to receive your newsletter and other city information via email, please send this request by an email to cityhall@haviglandtelco.com.

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

PUBLIC ALWAYS WELCOME!

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!

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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 email to cityhall@haviglandtelco.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, Treasurer

"J" Turns

"J" turns continue to be a problem on Main Street. There are double yellow lines and NO J TURN signs on the first and second blocks of north Main Street. These were added 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. With addition of the signs, you can be ticketed. Please use caution, obey the signs, and stop making "J" turns.

Nisly Trash Service

Trash carts need to be set out by 7:00 a.m. each Wednesday, carts positioned with arrows on the lid 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, the carts need to be placed at least five feet apart, and not put next to a vehicle or any other obstacle. Do not leave emptied carts on the street.

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.

Recycle

Kiowa County Solid Waste Department now has a recycle trailer for cardboard and carts for other recyclables located behind Haviland Care Center 24/7. **THIS IS FOR RECYCLE ONLY, NO TRASH!**

Time Change

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m., Sunday, March 11. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed.



A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: TALKING DOG FOR SALE!” He rings the doorbell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there. “You talk?” he asks. “Yep,” the Lab replies. After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says, “So, what’s your story?”

The Lab looks up and says, “Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running. But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn’t getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. Later, I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I’m retired.”

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. “Ten dollars,” the guy says. “Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?” “Because he’s a liar. He never did any of that stuff!”



The Babysitter

A young man agreed to baby-sit one night so a single mother could have an evening out. At bedtime, he sent the youngsters upstairs to bed and settled down to watch football. One child kept creeping down the stairs, but the young man kept sending him back to bed. At 9 p.m., the doorbell rang. It was the next-door neighbor, Mrs. Brown, asking whether her son was there. The young man brusquely replied, “No.” Just then, a little head appeared over the banister and shouted, “I’m here, Mom, but he won’t let me go home!”



Mini Minutes

*October 3, 2011

A dog nuisance complaint was discussed.

Herb Frazier presented the expenses for Make-a-Difference Day. *Larsh motioned that the City pay all of the expenses presented for Make-a-Difference Day, \$501.32. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.*

Royce Frazier presented proposals for two lighted signs, with stone bases, on Hwy. 54. The council was asked if the City would split the cost. The proposed cost for one sign is approximately \$5,200.00. This cost does not include the stonework or the electrical work. Larsh will get prices on the stonework and Frazier on the electrical.

Mayor Ellis reported that a meeting was held with Steve Matthews, owner of Haviland State Bank, and several Haviland citizens concerning housing projects. Matthews is willing to build a spec house. Barclay College is willing to purchase land owned by Gary Worden. The council is interest in pursuing this. *Smitherman motioned to hire an engineering firm to do a feasibility study on the Gary Worden property. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.*

*November 7, 2011

Jon Mansel of Mansel Construction from St. John presented a proposal for the stonework for the proposed signs on Hwy. 54. The cost would be approximately \$10,000.00 for one sign. This would bring the proposed cost to approximately \$15,200.00 per sign plus the electrical. Council agreed that paying half the cost was not feasible. Mansel also looked at the proposed housing project and gave several options for the drainage ditch. Council asked Mansel for a bid for extending Oak St. to the east, lining up it up on the south side, paving, curb and guttering and covering the ditch.

*December 5, 2011

A preliminary budget price of \$200,000.00 to extend Oak St. was given by Mansel Construction. Due to reported changes in the development project, the council agreed that the project needs to be re-evaluated.



Perhaps you know why women over sixty don’t have babies. They would put them down somewhere and forget where they left them.



The doctor’s waiting room was packed with patients.

After about two hours of waiting and waiting, an old lady stood up and said, “Tell the doctor I went home to die a natural death!”



Calendar of Events

January 1, 2012 to April 8, 2012

JANUARY

Sunday	1	New Year's Day - <i>"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas."</i> ~Author Unknown make sure the old year leaves." ~Bill Vaughan		
Tuesday	2	HS and GS Classes Resume		
Monday	2	City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	Community Room	HAVILAND
Wednesday	4	HS Varsity Scholar Bowl – 3:30 p.m.		GREENSBURG
Thursday	5	JH Basketball – 4:00 p.m.	Fowler	There
Friday	6	HS Basketball – 4:00 p.m.	Minneola	There
Monday	9	BC Night Classes Resume		
Monday	9	BOE USD 474 Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.		HAVILAND
Monday	9	BOE USD 422 Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.		GREENSBURG
Tuesday	10	BC Classes Resume		
Tuesday	10	HS Basketball – 4:00 p.m.	Hodgeman County	Jetmore
Wednesday	11	Foot Clinic – 8:00 a.m.	United Methodist Church	HAVILAND
Thursday	12	JH Basketball – 5:00 p.m.	Spearville	GREENSBURG
Friday	13	HS Basketball Winter Royalty – 4:00 p.m.	Pawnee Heights	GREENSBURG
Friday	13	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:00/7:00 p.m.	Arlington Baptist	There
Saturday	14	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 4:00/6:00 p.m.	Dallas Christian	There
Monday	16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – <i>"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."</i> ~Martin Luther King, Jr.		
Monday	16	HS Scholar Bowl SPIAA League – 3:00 p.m.		Ashland
Tuesday	17	HSV/JV Basketball – 4:00 p.m.	Ingalls	There
Tuesday	17	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:30/7:30 p.m.	Rhema Bible	There
Thursday	19	JH Basketball – 4:00 p.m.	Minneola	There
Friday	20	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:00/7:00 p.m.	St. Louis Christian	HAVILAND
Saturday	21	BC W/M Basketball Homecoming – 2:00/4:00 p.m.	Central Christian	HAVILAND
Saturday	21	HS Basketball SPIAA League Tourney		There
Mon.-Sat.	23-28	HS Basketball SPIAA League Tourney		Dodge City
Tuesday	24	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:00/7:00 p.m.	Manhattan Christian	There
Wednesday	25	BOE USD 422 Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.		GREENSBURG
Friday	27	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:00/7:00 p.m.	Nebraska Christian	HAVILAND
Saturday	28	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 2:00/4:00 p.m.	Central Bible	HAVILAND
Monday	30	JH Basketball – 6:00 p.m.	Hodgeman County	Jetmore
Tuesday	31	HS Basketball – 4:00 p.m.	Spearville	GREENSBURG
Tuesday	31	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:00/7:00 p.m.	Rhema Bible	HAVILAND

FEBRUARY

Thursday	2	Ground Hog's Day – <i>"The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it."</i> ~Patrick Young		
Thursday	2	JH Basketball – 5:00 p.m.	Bucklin	GREENSBURG
Thursday	2	HS Regional Scholar's Bowl		
Friday	3	HS Basketball – 4:00 p.m.	Fowler	There
Friday	3	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:30/7:30 p.m.	Calvary Bible	There
Saturday	4	HS Regional Piano Festival		
Saturday	4	HS Novice Forensics – 8:00 a.m.		Kinsley
Saturday	4	HS Forensics – 8:00 a.m.	South Barber	Kiowa

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Saturday	4	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 1:00/3:00 p.m.	Ozark Christian	There
Mon.-Sat.	6-11	JH Basketball League Tourney – 4:00 p.m.		Spearville
Tuesday	7	HS Basketball – 4:00 p.m.	Ashland	GREENSBURG
Tuesday	7	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:30/7:30 p.m.	Hillsdale	There
Wednesday	8	Foot Clinic – 8:00 a.m.	United Methodist Church	HAVILAND
Wednesday	8	Kiowa County Spelling Bee – 10:00 a.m.		HAVILAND
Thursday	9	HS Forensics – 3:00 p.m.		Medicine Lodge
Friday	10	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:00/7:00 p.m.	Grace University	There
Saturday	11	HS Forensics		Pratt
Saturday	11	HS Forensics		Ashland
Saturday	11	HS State Scholar's Bowl		
Saturday	11	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 2:00/4:00 p.m.	NCTA	There
Sunday	12	Lincoln's Birthday – <i>“The important thing today is not what we say of Lincoln but what Lincoln would say of us if he were here in this hour and could note the drift and tendency in American life and American politics.”</i> ~Stephen Samuel Wise		
Monday	13	JH Scholar's Bowl – 4:00 p.m.		Ashland
Monday	13	BOE USD 474 Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.		HAVILAND
Monday	13	BOE USD 422 Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.		GREENSBURG
Tuesday	14	Valentine's Day – <i>“We're all a little weird. And life is a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall into mutually satisfying weirdness – and call it love – true love.”</i> ~Robert Fulghum		
Tuesday	14	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:00/7:00 p.m.	Manhattan Christian	HAVILAND
Friday	17	HS Basketball – 4:00 p.m.	South Gray	GREENSBURG
Friday	17	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 5:00/7:00 p.m.	Calvary Bible	HAVILAND
Saturday	18	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 1:00/3:00 p.m.	Ozark Christian	HAVILAND
Saturday	18	HS State Piano Festival		
Saturday	18	HS Forensics		GREENSBURG
Monday	20	President's Day – <i>“Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company.”</i> ~George Washington <i>“When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.”</i> ~Clarence Darrow <i>“Any American who is prepared to run for President should automatically, by definition, be disqualified from ever doing so.”</i> ~Gore Vidal		
Monday	20	HS – NO SCHOOL		GREENSBURG
Tuesday	21	HS Basketball – 4:00 p.m.	Bucklin	GREENSBURG
Tuesday	21	BC Women's Basketball – 5:00 p.m.	Central McPherson	HAVILAND
Tuesday	21	BC Men's Basketball – 7:00 p.m.	Southwestern Christian JV	HAVILAND
Wednesday	22	Washington's Birthday – <i>“Washington's is the mightiest name on earth – long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty; still mightiest in moral reformation. On that name no eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun, or glory to the name of Washington, is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name, and in its naked deathless splendor leave it shining on.”</i> ~Abraham Lincoln <i>“George Washington is the only president who didn't blame the previous administration for his troubles.”</i> ~Author Unknown		
Wednesday	22	HS Instrumental SPIAA Festival – 9:00 a.m.		
Thursday	23	HS Regional Journalism	Fort Hays State University	Hays
Thursday	23	HS Novice Forensics Tournament – 12:00 noon		GREENSBURG
Thursday	23	JH Scholar's Bowl – 4:00 p.m.		Spearville
Thu.-Sat.	23-25	HS State Honor Choir		Bucklin

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Saturday	25	BC Women's/Men's Basketball – 2:00/4:00 p.m.	NCTA	HAVILAND
Monday	27	BOE USD 422 Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.		GREENSBURG
Wednesday	29	BC Women's/Men's Basketball ACCA National Tournament		
Wednesday	29	HS SPIAA Vocal Festival – 9:00 a.m.		Minneola
<u>MARCH</u>				
Thu.-Sat.	1-3	BC Women's/Men's Basketball ACCA National Tournament		
Monday	5	JH Scholar's Bowl – 4:00 p.m.	Copeland	Montezuma
Tuesday	6	HS Forensics – 12:00 noon		Bucklin
Thursday	8	BOE USD 422 Regular Meeting		GREENSBURG
Sunday	11	Daylight Saving Time Begins – <i>“I don't mind going back to Daylight Saving Time. With inflation, the hour will be the only thing I've saved all year.”</i> ~Victor Borge		
Mon.-Fri.	12-16	BC Spring Break/HS Spring Break		
Wednesday	14	Foot Clinic – 8:00 a.m.	United Methodist Church	HAVILAND
Saturday	17	St. Patrick's Day – <i>“Love is never defeated, and I could add, the history of Ireland proves it.”</i> ~Pope John Paul II		
Tuesday	20	Spring Begins – <i>“In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours.”</i> ~Mark Twain		
Thursday	22	JH Scholar's Bowl – 4:00 p.m.		Ingalls
Saturday	24	BC Association Dinner		
Monday	26	HS SPIAA One Act Play – 4:00 p.m.		Fowler
Monday	26	BOE USD 422 Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.		GREENSBURG
Tuesday	27	JH Track – 3:00 p.m.	South Gray	Montezuma
Wednesday	28	HS SPIAA Forensics – 8:00 a.m.		Spearville
Thursday	29	JH Scholar's Bowl – 4:00 p.m.		Bucklin
Friday	30	HS Track – 3:00 p.m.		Minneola
Saturday	31	HS Regional Music Solos & Small Ensembles – 8:00 a.m.		
<u>APRIL</u>				
Sunday	1	April Fool's Day – <i>“A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.”</i> ~Douglas Adams <i>“This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.”</i> ~Mark Twain		
Monday	2	JH Scholar's Bowl – 4:00 p.m.		HAVILAND
Tuesday	3	JH Track – 10:00 a.m.	Hodgeman County	Jetmore
Tuesday	3	HSJV Track – 4:00 p.m.		Medicine Lodge
Wednesday	4	HS - NO SCHOOL		GREENSBURG
Wednesday	4	GS SPIAA League Math Contest		GREENSBURG
Thursday	5	HS Spring Activity Pictures		GREENSBURG
Thursday	5	HS Track – 3:00 p.m.		Meade
Friday	6	Good Friday – BC/HS/GS – NO SCHOOL		
Sunday	8	Easter – <i>“We live and die; Christ died and lived!”</i> ~John Stott <i>“I lied on my Weight Watchers list. I put down that I had three eggs...but they were Cadbury chocolate eggs.”</i> ~Caroline Rhea		



The Old-Timer's Right

A group of senior citizens were sitting around talking about their ailments:

- “My arms are so weak I can barely hold a cup of coffee”, said one.
- “Yes, I know. My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee”, replied another.
- “I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck”, said a third, to which several nodded in agreement.
- “My blood pressure pills make me dizzy,” another went on.
- “I guess that's the price we pay for getting old,” winced an old man as he shook his head.
- “Well, it's not that bad,” said one woman cheerfully. “Thank goodness, we can all still drive!”

Publishing of Ordinances and Resolutions

We are required to publish all new ordinances and resolutions in the City's designated newspaper, which is the Kiowa County Signal. Many of you do not take the paper, so with the quarterly newsletter, we now have another way to publish these items.

ORDINANCE NO. 349

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AS A CONDITION TO PURCHASING WATER: THE CONSUMER'S CONSENT OF ACCESS TO CITY EMPLOYEES FOR PURPOSES OF INSTALLING, REPAIRING, REPLACING AND RETERIEVING A REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER SYSTEM, AND THE CONSUMER'S WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS the City of Haviland water has been tested with high levels of nitrates; and

WHEREAS a reverse osmosis water system may reduce nitrates in the City of Haviland water; and

WHEREAS the City of Haviland is desirous of reducing nitrates in the City of Haviland; and

WHEREAS the City of Haviland desires to make available under certain conditions, a reverse osmosis water system to consumers of the City of Haviland water; therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS: ORDINANCE NO. 349 REVERSE/OSMOSIS WATER SYSTEMS.

SECTION 1. CONDITIONS. As a condition of purchasing water from the City of Haviland, Kansas, a consumer is required to:

- A. allow the installation by the City of Haviland of a reverse osmosis water system on the consumer's water line,
- B. grant access to any and all consumer water lines, upon reasonable notice, at reasonable times, to City of Haviland, Kansas employees and agents for purposes of installing, repairing, replacing and retrieving reverse osmosis water systems,
- C. waive liability for bodily and personal injury as a result of consumption of water, and
- D. indemnify the City of Haviland from all claims as a result of defective operation, defective installation or defective repair of a reverse osmosis water system; and the consumption or use of water.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION. Consumer as used in this ordinance means any entity or person purchasing water from the City of Haviland, Kansas.

SECTION 3. INSTALLATION AND ACCESS. Each consumer shall provide access to the City, its employees, agents and contractors, for the purpose of installing, servicing and testing of the reverse osmosis water treatment systems. The City shall determine at what point on the consumer's water line the City will install the reverse osmosis water system. The consumer will allow the City access to all of the consumer's water lines, as provided in Section 1.B irrespective of the water lines location inside or outside of improvements.

SECTION 4. RANDOM TESTS. The City, acting through its employees, agents or contractors, shall be authorized to enter upon the premises of each consumer, for the purpose of taking water samples from the reverse osmosis system for the purpose of submitting the same to the State of Kansas for testing to insure compliance with the regulations of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and other applicable regulations and laws.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL PROHIBITED. No consumer shall disconnect or remove, or allow the disconnection or removal, of the reverse osmosis water treatment system without the prior written consent of the City.

SECTION 6. RESULTS OF CONSUMER'S NONCOMPLIANCE. In the event of the consumer's noncompliance with any portion of this ordinance the City of Haviland, Kansas shall have the right, power and authority to immediately discontinue all water service to such non-complying consumer. A reconnect fee of \$12.50 will be paid before a discontinued service shall be restored to the consumer.

SECTION 7. VALIDITY OF ORDINANCE. The sections of this ordinance are intended to be several and separate so that if any section hereof is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force, from and after its publication in the official City newspaper, The Kiowa County Signal as provided by law.

Adopted and approved by the City Council, this 7th day of November 2011.

Robert Ellis, Mayor
Shari McAfee, City Clerk

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New Year's Trivia

- ❖ The Roman calendar was changed over and over again each time a new emperor took charge until it eventually did not match the sun's patterns. It took an official act of the Roman Senate to dictate that January 1 would be the beginning of the New Year.
- ❖ If the first person to visit you was a tall and dark-haired man, this was especially lucky.
- ❖ Items or food that is ring-shaped is also good luck. This symbolizes "coming full circle", which is what one year does. Some cultures eat ring-like food through the evening and through the night to ensure that good luck will be bestowed upon everyone who eats. The Dutch often eat doughnuts.
- ❖ Black-eyed peas (usually with ham) are often consumed in certain parts of the United States. These are thought to bring good fortune in cultures around the world, not just in the U.S.
- ❖ Auld Lang Syne is sung at midnight to toast in the New Year. The song was composed by Robert Burns sometime in the 1700's. The term means "old long ago" or "the good old days."
- ❖ Stats of the first New York ball: 700 pounds; 5 feet in diameter. The ball was made from wood and iron.
- ❖ The modern ball that is dropped is made from Waterford Crystal and weighs over 1,000 pounds. There are over 9,000 LED lights, but uses hardly any energy. The ball begins to drop at 11:59 p.m. and completes the journey exactly at midnight to ring in the New Year.

Valentine's Day Trivia

- ❖ February 15th was the date of the Roman festival of Lupercalia – where young men held a lottery to decide which girl would be theirs.
- ❖ During Medieval times, girls ate unusual foods on St. Valentine's Day to have a dream of their future husband.
- ❖ In the Middle Ages, people believed that the first unmarried person on the opposite sex you met on the morning of St. Valentine's Day would become your spouse.
- ❖ Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, on Valentine's Day, 1876.
- ❖ In Wales, love spoons of wood were carved and given as gifts on February 14th. Hearts, keys and keyholes formed the favorite theme of decorations on the spoons, which together symbolized – "You unlock my heart!"
- ❖ It wasn't until 1537 that St. Valentine's Day was declared an official holiday by England's King Henry VIII.
- ❖ Some people believed that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor and if she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a very rich person.
- ❖ The Taj Mahal at Agra, India is perhaps the most splendid gift of love. It was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beautiful wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Work on the Taj began in 1634 and continued for almost 22 years. It took the labor of 20,000 workers from all over India and Central Asia.

St. Patrick's Day Trivia

- ❖ Since 1820, 4.8 million Irish have legally immigrated to the U.S., according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- ❖ Chicago is famous for dyeing the Chicago River green on St. Patrick's Day. The tradition began in 1962, when a pipe fitters union, with the permission of the mayor, poured 100 pounds of green vegetable dye into the river. Today only 40 pounds are used, enough to turn the river green for several hours.
- ❖ Guinness stout, first brewed by Arthur Guinness in Dublin, Ireland, in 1759, has become synonymous with Ireland and Irish bars. According to the company's web site, 1,883,200,000 (that's 1.9 billion) pints of Guinness are consumed around the world every year.
- ❖ Robert Louis Stevenson, the 19th-century Scottish author of *Kidnapped*, *Treasure Island*, and other novels, brought a store of Guinness with him during a trip to Samoa in the South Pacific.
- ❖ Ireland is about 300 miles long and 200 miles wide. Those facts, along with other features, led Swedish geographer Ulf Erlingsson to recently conclude that the Atlantic Ocean Island is the same one identified by ancient Greek philosopher Plato as Atlantis in his famous dialogues *Timaeus and Critias*.

Just for Fun!

Quick Apple Dumplings

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| 2 apples | 1½ cups sugar |
| 2 cans crescent rolls | 2 t. cinnamon |
| 1 stick butter | 1 can Mountain Dew |

Core and cut apples into 8 pieces. Roll each apple piece into a crescent roll. Cover apple completely. Place 16 covered apples into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Melt butter. Add sugar and cinnamon to the butter. Spoon mixture on top of dumplings. Pour Mountain Dew around the sides of the pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Trivia

- Which is the tallest building on earth?
A. Empire State Bldg. B. Sears Tower C. Space Needle D. CN Tower
- In which city is "The Kremlin"?
A. Minsk B. Moscow C. St. Petersburg D. Berlin
- Which battle was Napoleon's final defeat?
A. Hastings B. Waterloo C. Kings Cross D. Euston
- In what part of the body are the hamstrings?
A. Legs B. Neck C. Heart D. Arms
- What does PS stand for at the end of a letter?
A. Personal Sentence B. IBM C. Postscript D. Perse
- What instrument measures atmospheric pressure
A. Speedometer B. Chronometer C. Thermometer D. Barometer
- Which of these three sets of initials was not a U.S. president.
A. F.D.R. B. B.W.C. C. L.B.J. D. J.F.K.
- What breed is the cartoon dog Snoopy?
A. Bloodhound B. Boxer C. Beagle D. Poodle
- Which state became the 49th state in 1959?
A. Alaska B. New Mexico C. Hawaii D. Arizona
- Which animal gathers in groups known as prides?
A. Bears B. Lions C. Horses D. Wolves

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Hot Turkey Salad

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 cups cubed cooked turkey | 1 cup mayonnaise |
| 2 cups chopped celery | 2 T. fresh lemon juice |
| 2 t. grated onion | ½ cup cheddar cheese, grated |
| ½ cup pecans, chopped | 1 cup potato chips, crushed |
| ½ t. salt | |

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish. Mix the turkey, celery, onion, pecans, and salt together in a mixing bowl. Stir in the mayonnaise and lemon juice until evenly blended. Spoon into the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese, then potato chips. Bake in preheated oven until cheese melts, 10 to 12 minutes.

Servings: 6

Anagrams

Can you work out the items of food or drink from the following anagrams? Word lengths are shown in brackets.

- RAW INERT MEAL (7,5)
- AWFUL RECOIL (11)
- IN REAL EGG (6,3)
- A MOTTO (6)
- CRIED (5)
- RICH EAT OK (9)
- CHANGE MAP (9)
- A SUGAR SAP (9)
- RE A JUG ON ICE (6,5)
- EMU LEG (6)

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Syllacrostic

Fill in the answers to the clues by selecting the correct syllables from the list below. The number of syllables to be used is shown in brackets. When the correct words are filled in, the first and last letters reading down will reveal a proverb.

AR, AS, BACK, CAR, CAT, DIFF, DU, EN, IN, MAG, NAP, NE, OR, OUS, PA, PE, PECT, PER, RAGE, RATE, REP, RI, TE, TEM, TIC, TILE, TOU

- A book cover _____ (3)
- Cold-blooded vertebrate
_____ (2)
- Grueling _____ (3)
- Forty Winks _____ (2)
- Moderate _____ (3)
- Inside _____ (4)
- Capital of Wales _____ (2)
- Retinue _____ (3)
- Attractive _____ (3)
- Facet _____ (2)

Answers on page 10

City Search

Unscramble the letters to find the names of cities in the U.S.

- gryomoment _____
- oxenhip _____
- smartoccean _____
- haslateales _____
- aplainson _____
- illshaven _____
- shortlance _____
- inlaidpianos _____

Answers on page 10

Places to Eat

Dolly's Diner is open 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, and is closed on Monday.

Haviland Hardware and Convenience Groceries is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, and is closed on Sunday.

Origins 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. every evening during the school year. Summer hours are 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every evening.

MAIN STREET SPEED LIMIT 20 MPH

Concerned citizens and the City ask that you comply with the posted speed limit on Main Street. Driving over the limit is a danger to pedestrians and other drivers.

**** PLEASE SLOW DOWN! ****



Only in America. . . .

- do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
- do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.
- do we leave cars worth a lot of money in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
- do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

-- Answers --

Trivia

1. CN Tower
2. Moscow
3. Waterloo
4. Legs
5. Postscript
6. Barometer
7. B.W.C.
8. Beagle
9. Alaska
10. Lions

Anagrams

1. Mineral Water
2. Cauliflower
3. Ginger Ale
4. Tomato
5. Cider
6. Artichoke
7. Champagne
8. Asparagus
9. Orange Juice
10. Legume

Syllacrostic

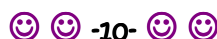
1. P K PAPERBACK
2. R E REPTILE
3. A S ARDUOUS
4. C P CATNAP
5. T E TEMPERATE
6. I R INTERIOR
7. C F CARDIFF
8. E E ENTOURAGE
9. M C MAGNETIC
10. A T ASPECT

City Search

1. Montgomery
2. Phoenix
3. Sacramento
4. Tallahassee
5. Annapolis
6. Nashville
7. Charleston
8. Indianapolis



There is a great need for a sarcasm font.



Pave All Streets Survey

It has been asked several times at council meetings if all the streets in Haviland could have paving, curb and guttering.

The council would like to have feedback from **resident** property owners with homes next to an unpaved street(s) on your feelings and interest.

It takes 51% of **resident** property owners on one block signing a petition to start the process. The cost would be assessed on your property taxes.

Please call, email, or talk to the mayor or council member with your input.

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City Web Site

The City now has it's own web site, www.havilandks.com. It is still in the building process, so you will need to visit it often to see what has been added or changed.

It includes a home page, city and community information, a community calendar, history, contact page, and links to other local sites. Check it out!

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 12/15/2011 from Well #1 showed nitrate levels of 13 mg/L (which is the same as last quarter), Well #2 showed nitrate levels of 13 mg/L (which is the same as last quarter), and Well #3 showed nitrate levels of 15 mg/L (this well was recently reactivated). 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? Oscar Ebert has been installing reverse osmosis systems in homes and continues to do so. These are being installed at no cost to you. If you want an icemaker added to the system, Oscar will charge you for this. Please call the City Office to get your name on the schedule. Homes with infants under six months of age, women that are pregnant or nursing, and those with doctor-approved medical conditions will have first priority. If you have not called, you will be added to the schedule in the order that meters are read, west to east.

The council is aware that many of you already have a system in your home. The City will be putting systems in your homes also. Please call the office, 862-5317, or email cityhall@haviglandtelco.com to let us know if you have a system. If you have a lease agreement with a provider, contact them about discontinuing that service. Since you have systems, you will be placed last in the scheduling.

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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