



City Clips



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*** Mayor's Musings ***

If you are looking for the reminiscing and feel good theme of the last quarter's column you should stop reading here, turn the TV on and find an old rerun of "Mayberry RFD".

As you are all well aware the council has made every effort to provide the people of Haviland with nitrate-free drinking water with the installation of what the state calls "point of use" RO systems. While waiting about eighteen months for the state guidelines, we started installing the systems in homes. With the project about half finished the state finally came out with the guidelines and they say that we are not in compliance with what they have set forth. The "Kansas Department of Health and Environment" along with the "Environmental Protection Agency" have basically said that no matter what we do they will not approve the RO systems. They are determined that we hire an engineer, borrow money, apply for grants and raise the water rates to pay for an "Ion Exchange" system that will partially clean all the water, not just what you use for drinking and cooking.

The current limit for nitrates in drinking water is 10 mg/L. Our water runs about 12 to 13. With the RO units the nitrates are brought down to zero. With the IE system we will bring the nitrates down to around 8 mg/L which is under the maximum limit which satisfies the state but does not give you much cleaner water than you have now. And no one has proven that nitrates are harmful in any quantity. The state limit used to be 20 mg/L and all of a sudden they reduced it to 10 mg/L.

The bottom line is the state is going to make us spend in excess of \$2,000,000 of your money to comply with the regulations. If you would like more detailed information on what is going on or have a different solution to the problem, have a "sit down" with one of the council members or me and maybe we can fill in some of the gaps.

Someone from another town asked me one time "What is the mayor's job in small town America?" I said it's water, and dogs and cats. Again the state rules for operating a dog pound are complicated and expensive. After finding a person to act as an animal control officer, we have spent the money for a holding pen, complied with all government regulations and are starting to pick up animals that are running loose. You will find a copy of the ordinance elsewhere in this publication spelling out the regulations and penalties.

On a more positive note we have sealed the streets on the east side of Main Street. As I said in the last letter the auditor said we could not do the whole town at once so we opted to do the west side in the spring.

Happy Halloween!

Robert Ellis

Nisly Rate Increase

On November 18, 2010, the City signed a five-year contract with Nisly Brothers, Inc. for trash and recycle services. For the first three years (2011, 2012, 2013) the residential rate for one trash cart was \$11.00 and for two trash carts was \$15.00. These prices will continue through December 31, 2013. The rate will increase \$1.00 per month beginning January 1, 2014 for the years 2014 and 2015. The rate for one trash cart will be \$12.00 and for two trash carts will be \$16.00. Recycling will continue to be free.

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

Please send us your e-mail address so that notifications about the current newsletter and other City notices and information can be sent to you electronically. This really cuts down on the cost of postage and paper. Send your 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 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 call the City Office at 620-862-5317 or send an email to cityhall@haviglandtelco.com. For water or sewer emergencies, call Wes Jantz at 620-546-5601. If you plan to do any digging, call 1-800-DIG-SAFE (344-7233) before you dig.

CITY OF HAVILAND

Robert Ellis, Mayor

Council Members

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Matt Ballard

Wes Jantz, City Superintendent

Shari McAfee, City Clerk

Millie Hannan, Treasurer

Joel Halverstadt, Code/Animal
Enforcement Officer



Grandma, were you on Noah's Ark? No. Well, how did you survive the flood?



"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 he 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.

Trash will be collected on all holidays that occur on Wednesday with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Recycle

The 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 ITEMS ONLY, NO TRASH!

JD's Barbecue
in Haviland on Thursday
the first full week
of each month, located on
Main just north of the bank.
Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Places to Eat

Haviland Hardware and Grocery 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. Daily lunch specials including soups, sandwiches and full meals are now available. Summer hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Origins Coffeeshouse 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. Summer hours are 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday is the same.

The Bear's Den on the Barclay College campus is open 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every evening.

City Web Site

The City now has it's own web site, www.havilandks.com. Still in the building process, you will need to visit 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!

Mini Minutes

Complete minutes can be accessed at www.havilandks.com.

*July 1, 2013

Jantz gave verbal notification that he will retire in one year.

Accountant Aaron Koehn presented the proposed budget for 2014. *Smitherman motioned to accept the proposed 2014 budget and to approve Ordinance No. 357 attesting to an increase in tax revenues for budget year 2014. Ballard seconded. Unanimous.*

Unruh motioned to offer Pake McCarley the position of city maintenance employee at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. This position will be for six months, after which time, and upon evaluation and approval from the council, he could move to salary with benefits. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

*August 5, 2013

Mayor Ellis reported that the holding pen should be finished by the weekend.

Alan Luttrell, Engineer with EBH & Associates will be assisting the City in responding to KDHE and EPA regarding their requirements and presented the City three water treatment alternatives for the nitrate problem.

No one was present for the budget hearing. *Smitherman motioned to approve the 2014 budget. Ballard seconded. Unanimous.*

Smitherman motioned to pay \$550 per month for four months, September through December 2013 to Pake McCarley for health insurance through USD 474. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.

*September 2, 2013

Stan Stark shared that the Co-op is in need of ground to temporarily store grain. *Smitherman motioned to rent the City land to the Co-op at a price of \$2,500.00 for September through the end of January. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.*

*September 12, 2013

After discussing the advantages and disadvantages of the three nitrate options, the following action was taken: *Smitherman motioned to go with a single point system. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.*

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Code Enforcement Officer

Joel Halverstadt is the Code and Animal Enforcement Officer for the City of Haviland. If you have a complaint, a concern, or see dogs or cats running loose, please call Joel at 620-388-5634.

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. 358

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION, CARE OF AND CONTROL OF DOGS AND CATS; PROVIDING FOR THE TAXING OF THE OWNERS AND HARBORERS OF DOGS AND CATS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 348, AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. DOGS AT LARGE PROHIBITED: FEES AND FINES. All dog owners and keepers are required to securely restrain their dogs on their premises, in their vehicles or on a leash when not on their premises. Owners and keepers shall not permit dogs to run at large. Dogs found, by any duly appointed official of the City of Haviland, to be at large may be impounded or a notice may be issued to the owner or keeper that the dog is in violation of this Ordinance or both. The first notice to owner or keeper shall require he or she pay a fee, to be set by the Governing Body of the City of Haviland, Kansas, in an amount not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

SECTION 2. LICENSE REQUIRED AND FEES. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog or cat over six (6) months of age within the corporate limits of the City of Haviland without registering such dog or cat and paying a yearly license fee thereon. Dogs or cats, which are to be kept within the City limits for less than thirty (30) days, are excluded from the license requirements. Owners or keepers shall be required to register and pay the license fee for their dogs or cats within thirty (30) days after the dogs or cats have reached the age of six (6) months. Upon registration and payment of the license fee, a tag will be issued. The owner or keeper must affix the tag to the registered dog or cat. Before a dog or cat tag will be awarded, a certificate must be procured from a licensed veterinarian, which will attest to the fact that the dog or cat has been vaccinated and inoculated with a recognized anti-rabies vaccine. The certificate must include notification of any limits of said vaccination. It shall be unlawful to take off or remove said tag. The tag shall be non-transferable.

Dogs and cats must be re-registered by April 30 of each new year. The annual license fees are as follows:

- a) One dollar (\$1.00) for each neutered male or spayed female dog or cat; providing that the person registering and paying the license fee for a neutered or spayed dog or cat present a certificate from a licensed veterinarian to the City Clerk showing that such dog or cat has been spayed.
- b) Three dollars (\$3.00) for each non-neutered or unspayed dog or cat.
- c) The owners of "seeing eye dogs" shall not be subject to the license fee but registration is still necessary.
- d) Lost tags: When sufficient evidence is supplied to the City Clerk that the tag has been lost, the Clerk will issue a duplicate tag upon payment of fifty cents (50¢).

SECTION 3. IMPOUNDING. A duly appointed City official may capture, take up and impound dogs or cats found at large in the City or without tags. The City official shall attempt to notify the owner or keeper of any animal impounded, if such owner or keeper is known or reasonably ascertainable. Notices will be posted in public places. There will be a minimum holding period of three full business days before the animal will be removed unless requiring veterinarian care. After the holding period time has expired, the animal will be either taken to a humane society or the veterinarian center working with the City (unless the vet authorizes the animal to be euthanized by the Animal Control Officer). The animal may be released to the owner or keeper when all fines have been paid in full, the animal has been registered with the City (if it has not been registered) and written proof given to the City that the animal has had their rabies vaccination plus the following:

- a) payment of a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) impounding fee for each animal per day,
- b) payment of a fifty dollar (\$50.00) one-time charge per occurrence for each dog
- c) payment of a twenty dollar (\$20.00) one-time charge per occurrence for each cat.

SECTION 4. ABANDONMENT OF DOG OR CAT. It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon a dog or cat within the City limits.

SECTION 5. KENNEL REGULATIONS. Dog or cat kennels will not be allowed in the corporate City limits of Haviland.

SECTION 6. VICIOUS DOGS. It shall be unlawful for any person within the City to keep or own any vicious dog, unless the dog cannot reach any person, or shall keep the dog in an enclosure securely fenced so that the dog cannot escape therefrom; provided, that if any vicious dog is not fastened, tied or fenced, the duly appointed City official may impound said dog, as provided in Section 3.

SECTION 7. NOISY DOGS. The keeping of any dog, which by loud, frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping disturbs the peace, is hereby prohibited. It shall be the duty of any person keeping such loud dog or dogs to abate such, and if he or she fails to do so, the duly appointed City official is hereby authorized to abate such by taking up, impounding and disposing of the dog in the same manner as provided in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. DOG OR CAT BITES: QUARANTINE. Whenever any dog or cat has bitten a person, the owner or keeper of such dog or cat shall immediately notify the City Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer may order the dog or cat quarantined on the owner or keeper's premises or impounded at the owner or keeper's expense for a period of ten (10) days and until such time as the Code Enforcement Officer finds that such dog or cat shows no evidence of having rabies. If it is determined that such dog or cat is suffering from rabies, it shall be forthwith destroyed; otherwise, it shall be released from quarantine upon payment of impounding charges, if impounded, as provided in Section 3 of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. MUZZLING DOGS OR CATS; MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION. The Mayor is hereby authorized, whenever in his or her opinion the danger to the public safety from rabid dogs or cats, or dogs or cats with hydrophobia, is made imminent, to issue a proclamation ordering all persons owning and/or keeping any dog or cat to muzzle the same with a good and sufficient wire muzzle, completely enclosing the head of said dog or cat or confine the same in a good and sufficient enclosure from which said dog or cat cannot escape, or fasten such dog or cat by means of chains on the premises where the owner and/or keeper may reside. Upon the owner or keeper's failure to so muzzle, the dog may be impounded and disposed of pursuant to Section 3 of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. VIOLATOR. In the event the owner or keeper is charged in the Haviland Municipal Court with a violation of any provisions of this Ordinance for which a fee is not specified or charged with willful failure to pay a fee imposed by this Ordinance, the violator shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), any other fees and court costs.

SECTION 11. When deemed necessary by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Animal Control Officer for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Haviland, such officers may:

ORDINANCE NO. 358 CONTINUED

- a) place a humane trap on public or a requesting resident's property for the purpose of capturing any animal defined in this Ordinance as creating a nuisance to the City,
- b) use any tranquilizer guns, humane traps, or other suitable devices to subdue and capture any animal that is deemed by the Animal Control Officer, in his or her discretion, to be of a danger to itself or to the public's health and safety,
- c) have the right of entry upon any private unenclosed lots or lands for the purpose of collecting any animal whose presence thereupon is a violation of this Ordinance.

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the Animal Control Officer in the exercise of his or her duties including the tampering with or moving City traps.

SECTION 12. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. Ordinance No. 348, and all ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force, from and after its publication in the official City newspaper, The Kiowa County Signal.

Passed by the council the 7th day of October 2013 and approved by the mayor.

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ORDINANCE NO. 359

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING AND REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF MANUFACTURED HOMES, MOBILE HOMES, RESIDENTIAL DESIGN MANUFACTURED HOMES AND MODULAR HOMES WITHIN THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 322.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITION. Manufactured home/mobile home is a structure built on a permanent chassis and transportable in one (1) or more sections, which contain all necessary plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems, and is designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to all required utilities. Such structures should be constructed in conformance with the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act generally known as HUD Code established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5403. For flood plain management purposes, the term "manufactured home" also includes park trailers, travel trailers and other similar vehicles placed on a site for greater than one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days. For insurance purposes, the term "manufactured home" does not include park trailers, travel trailers and other similar vehicles.

SECTION 2. INSTALLATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMES OR MOBILE HOMES WITHIN THE CITY. Manufactured or mobile homes shall henceforth be subject to the following regulations concerning their placement within the City of Haviland, Kansas.

- a) Obtain from the City an area map that outlines all property within 200' of each corner upon which placement of the manufactured or mobile home is proposed.
- b) Upon receipt of the application and area map of the intended placement of the manufactured or mobile home, the City shall notify property owners within 200' by regarding the placement (10) days of receipt of frame.
- c) All property owners within the block on either side of the proposed placement of the manufactured or mobile home must be given a full seven (7) days notice prior to delivery and installation of the manufactured or mobile home.
- d) An application for placement of a manufactured or mobile must be submitted to the City office along with a thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) application fee, plus a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) placement fee.
- e) A five hundred dollar (\$500.00) deposit fee must be paid to the City of Haviland. This deposit will be refunded after thirty (30) days, if all requirements are met.
- f) The manufactured or mobile home must be fifteen (15) years of age or less.
- g) The home shall be installed in accordance with the recommended installation procedures of the manufacturer. The running gear, tongue, axles and wheels shall be removed from the unit at the time of installation.
- h) The home shall be equipped with skirting on all sides. Skirting is to be of material harmonious to the home's structure. Skirting shall comply with requirements within thirty (30) days after placement of the home.
- i) Porches, handrails, stairs, entrance platforms, ramps and other means of entrances and exits to and from the manufactured or mobile home shall be installed and constructed firmly to the primary structure and anchored securely in the ground.
- j) Each manufactured or mobile home shall be an independent dwelling unit. The connection of the manufactured or mobile home utilities shall be in accordance with all current regulations of the City's code and all connection fees shall be paid in full prior to obtaining requested services.
- k) The manufactured or mobile home shall be placed on a well-drained area and the lot shall be properly graded so as to prevent the accumulation of storm water under the home or on the lot.
- l) No additions shall be made to a manufactured or mobile home, unless the manufactured or mobile home is on a permanent foundation.
- m) The home must be located so all parts thereof are at least five (5) feet from adjoining real property boundary lines and at least ten (10) feet from all other residential structures and homes.
- n) The home must be tied down in conformance with the manufacturer's specifications, provided no part of the components or equipment used to tie the home down shall be visible from outside the masonry curtain wall or skirting after installation.
- o) The manufactured or mobile home shall not be occupied until all regulations of this Ordinance are compliant with that dwelling as specified by the Code Enforcement Officer.

THIS SECTION 2. b) OF ORDINANCE NO. 359 WILL BE CHANGED PENDING INFORMATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. Ordinance No. 322 and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official City newspaper.

Passed by the council the 7th day of October 2013 and approved by the mayor.

*** R/O WATER AT THE FIRE STATION ***
WHEN GETTING WATER,

PLEASE PARK DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE R/O STATION.
DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF OR BLOCK THE FIRE STATION DOORS!!!

Kansas 2013 Drought update – Kansas Water Office – October 4, 2013

- Executive Order 13-02 issued by the Governor August 26, 2013 removed drought from 23 counties, reduced 20 to Warning, reduced 25 to Watch and continued Emergency for 37 counties. Kiowa County is now under Drought Warning.
- The US Drought Monitor has indicated some improvements in conditions in Kansas, July through September. Drought persists in the west but intensity has lessened.
- The Seasonal Drought Outlook through December (released September 19) indicates drought conditions to persist in the west, with drought gone in central and eastern Kansas.
- All 105 Kansas counties have been declared federal disaster areas due to drought in 2013.

THE BURN PILE LOCATED AT THE DISPOSAL PLANT IS FOR BRUSH AND LIMBS ONLY! WHOLE TREES NEED TO BE CLEANED OF DIRT, ROCKS, ETC. BEFORE BRINGING TO THE PILE. ABSOLUTELY NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH, CONSTRUCTION TRASH, METAL, APPLIANCES, CONCRETE, CARPET, DIRT, ROCKS, ETC.! THIS SITE IS ROUTINELY INSPECTED BY THE STATE AND MISUSE COULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF OUR PERMIT. THANK YOU.



How to Annoy Your Co-Workers

1. Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.
2. Find out where your boss shops and buy exactly the same outfits. Wear them one day after your boss does. This is especially effective if your boss is a different gender than you.
3. Send e-mails to the rest of the company telling them exactly what you're doing. For example: "If anyone needs me, I'll be in the bathroom."
4. Hi-Lite your shoes. Tell people you haven't lost them as often since you did this.
5. While sitting at your desk, soak your fingers in Palmolive. Call everyone Madge.
6. Put a chair facing a printer. Sit there all day and tell people you're waiting for your document.
7. Every time someone asks you to do something, anything, ask him or her if they want fries with that.
8. Encourage your colleagues to join you in a little synchronized chair dancing.
9. Put your trashcan on your desk. Label it "IN".
10. Send e-mails back and forth to yourself, engaging yourself in an intellectual debate. Forward the mail to a co-worker and ask them to settle the disagreement.
11. Feign an unnatural and hysterical fear of staplers.
12. Put decaf in the coffeemaker for three weeks. Once everyone has withdrawn from caffeine addiction, switch to espresso.



Play Day

What a perfect day Friday, October 11 was for the 85th Play Day! The weather was great. The kids were enthusiastic, as were parents and grandparents. For the parents and grandparents that participated, maybe not so enthusiastic the day after! There was food, ice cream, train rides, races, greased pig contest, horse tic-tac-toe, barrel tug-of-war, and horseshoes. The day started with a two-mile run/jog/walk, then a parade where Vera Cutright was honored as the Grand Marshal. The American Legion hosted a very nice program honoring five people in the community who have given so much service in various ways over the years: Vera Cutright, Dolores Williams, Paul Conner, Oscar Ebert and Dan Woods. The Post #157 also gave their Commander Bob Young an award for his leadership.

Haviland Has Been Approved!

After long debates about Haviland's dog and cat problem, a solution has come about in the form of a holding pen. The holding pen was built just south of the sewer ponds, at the end of E. Sycamore Street. The State Inspection was held on September 23, and our new building passed with compliments from the Inspector.

As for our community, the Animal Control Officer, Joel Halverstadt, will pick up any loose dogs and place them in the new holding pen. Feral and stray cats that are not City-licensed will be picked up and held in the pen as well. The State requires that the animals impounded be held a minimum of three days before being taken to the Human Society. Within that time frame, fliers will be placed in several locations with the animal's picture, and a phone number to contact Joel in order to retrieve your pet.

The fees for the holding pen are as follows: for dogs, whether City-licensed or not-\$50.00 per occurrence with a \$25.00 per day holding time fee; cats, both City-licensed and unlicensed-\$20.00 per occurrence with a \$25.00 per day holding time fee. All animals being retrieved by their owners will be required to have current City tags, be up to date on the rabies vaccine and have all accrued fees paid in full before they will be released. If, at any time during the holding period, an animal is in need of veterinarian attention it will be taken to South Fork Veterinary Hospital just east of Pratt.

Thank you everyone for your support in getting the holding pen up and going. It is another big step toward making Haviland a safe and nuisance-free city for all its residents.



Where is God?

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons were probably involved. The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed, but asked to see them individually. So the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon. The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?" The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open, wide-eyed. So the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God!!?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD!?" The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" The youngest brother gasped for breath and replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time dude. God is missing and they think WE did it!"



Public Agenda Items

If you have a request or concern and would like to be included on the council agenda, please submit a written request ten (10) days prior to the meeting you want to attend. Meetings are the first Monday of each month.

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! ******

Time Change

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m., Sunday, November 3, 2013. Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed.



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 9/23/2013 from Well #1 showed nitrate levels of 12 mg/L (which is the same as last quarter), Well #2 showed nitrate levels of 13 mg/L (which is done from 14 last quarter), and Well #3 showed nitrate levels of 15 mg/L (which is up from 12 last quarter). 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 September 12, 2013 special meeting, the council approved installing a single point system to put the City in compliance with the State regarding nitrates in our water. We are working with Alan Luttrell, Engineer with EBH & Associates to help us in this process. Remember, that we do have an R/O unit attached to the fire station where you can get drinking water.

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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Oh no! Another Senior Moment

The older you get, it's funny how...

- ...what you thought you heard is so much more entertaining than what was actually said.
- ...you come to realize that some mistakes are way too much fun to make only once in life.
- ...your knees buckle, but your belt won't.
- ...an answer to "How do you feel?" can take up the better part of an afternoon.
- ...your back goes out more than you do.
- ...everything is over by the time you find your glasses.



City Utility Bill

Your city utility bill is due on the 20th of each month. Delinquent notices are sent on the 21st. Delinquent bills are charged a 10% penalty on the unpaid balance. Service will be terminated if payment or payment arrangements are not made within seven days. A reconnect fee of \$12.50 will be assessed if service is interrupted.



A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband.

Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. "Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh man! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh man! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?" The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."

Quotations

How is it that our memory is good enough to retain the least triviality that happens to us, and yet not good enough to recollect how often we have told it to the same person?

~Francois Duc de La Rochefoucauld

If you tell your boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

~Author Unknown

* *Clips From the Past* *

On Saturday January 21st, there will be a wolf hunt near Haviland. Men will meet at 9 o'clock. No one allowed to carry a gun but bring all the dogs you can get and there will be some grand sport. Everybody turn out. By Order of Committee
Haviland Tribune
January 12, 1888

A large Christmas tree was brought into town last Saturday and set up in the Main Street crossing by the bank. Saturday afternoon all kiddies are invited to be here and receive a sack of candy from Old Santa.

Haviland Review
December 20, 1928

All dogs found on my goat farm will be shot at sunrise. I have goats worth as much as \$200.00 each and I mean to protect them. Anyone found trespassing on my ground will be arrested. F. B. Bradley

Haviland Review
March 17, 1927

Monday night a freak basketball game was played in the gym of the academy. A team of boys played against a girls' team. The girls wore regular playing suits while the boys wore girls' dresses or skirts, sunbonnets and gloves and played according to the girls' rules. The boys won by one point.

Haviland Review
March 1929

The auto and radio are the two wonder destroyers of rural isolation.

Haviland Review
March 17, 1927

The water tower and supply tank for the city water works is being erected on the lots back of the city building.

Haviland Review
September 17, 1925



The Phone Call

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands-free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

"Hello."

"Hi, honey. Are you at the club?"

"Yes."

"I'm at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

"Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

"I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2014 models. I saw one I really liked."

"How much?"

"\$6,000."

"OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

"Great! Oh, and one more thing. The house we wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000."

"Well, then go ahead and give them an offer, but just offer \$900,000."

"OK. I'll see you later! I love you!"

"Bye, I love you too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are looking at him in astonishment. Then he smiles and asks: "Does anyone know whose phone this is?"



Dedication Kiowa County Veterans Memorial

10:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 2, 2013
Mullinville, KS

Lunch will be served at the Mullinville gym by donation. The quilt drawing will be during lunch. For more information call Vera Cutright, 620-862-5828

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