



# City Clips



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## \*\*\* Mayor's Musings \*\*\*

The Pratt Tribune had an article about the State of Kansas moving some of the jobs from the Kansas Wildlife and Parks located in Pratt to Topeka to have a more centralized operation. Several years ago they tried to shut down the whole operation but were unsuccessful. This time they will do away with about eight jobs, therefore eight families and who knows how many kids out of the Pratt schools. This is typical of the state and federal government. They are bent on starving out the rural areas.

This is why we need to make every effort to support our local businesses and our existing jobs. Morgan Allison has one full-time and three part-time positions at Haviland Hardware and Grocery and the Bob Gwin family has taken over "Origins" with some new food offerings.

We need to support these folks to help them stay around. I say again, it is easier to keep an existing business than to try to bring in a new one.

I would urge you to check by the Haviland Hardware before going to Pratt and see if Morgan has what you need. Sometimes her prices are better than other places and if you can save a trip they are way better. Remember, Wal-Mart pays no tax in Kiowa County and Haviland has no city tax like Greensburg and Pratt.

And while I'm on this "Trade at Home" kick, we have a barber in town that could use your business.

On another note, if you have friends or neighbors moving to town, remind them that trash and recycle bins should be set at least five feet apart and at least five feet from any vehicle.

Hope you have a Happy New Year.

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 has been \$11.00 and for two trash carts has been \$15.00. These prices continued 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. Commercial rates will increase \$1.00 to \$2.00 per container, depending on size.

## 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@havantelco.com](mailto:cityhall@havantelco.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@havantelco.com](mailto:cityhall@havantelco.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

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Pharmacist to patient: "Take one of these every three hours, or as often as you can get the cap off."



## "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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month and is free.** 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 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, and is closed on Sunday. Daily lunch specials including soups and sandwiches are now available

**Origins Coffeehouse** is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Now serving lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**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](http://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!



Exercise is a dirty word. Every time I hear it, I wash my mouth out with chocolate!



Sure I exercise. I walk to the refrigerator and back to my recliner dozens of times a day.



## Mini Minutes

Complete minutes can be accessed at [www.havilandks.com](http://www.havilandks.com).

### **\*October 7, 2013**

*Smitherman motioned to approve Ordinance No. 358 relating to and providing for the regulation, care of and control of dogs and cats. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.*

Halverstadt asked the council to think about the City purchasing an enclosed trailer or a flatbed trailer for transporting animals to Dodge City and/or Pratt.

Alan Luttrell, EBH Engineer, handed out a Water Treatment Plan to be submitted to KDHE for the council's approval. *Smitherman motioned to approve the Water Treatment Plan to be submitted to KDHE as presented. Ballard seconded. Unanimous.*

### **\*November 4, 2013**

*Smitherman motioned to approve the purchase of a catchpole, tomahawk grasper, and a transport trailer. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.* The trailer is for transporting animals.

*Smitherman motioned to approve signing the Consent Order from KDHE. Ballard seconded. Unanimous. Smitherman motioned to sign the Contract for Engineering Services with EBH. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.*

*Unruh motioned to purchase wood blinds for the Community Room windows. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.*

*Unruh motioned to donate \$50.00 to the American Legion for the Veteran's Day meal. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.*

*Unruh motioned to purchase a \$500.00 full-page ad in the Christmas Pageant program. Davis seconded. Unanimous.*

### **\*December 2, 2013**

Jantz reported that the gear box on well #3, the big mower and the small mower all need to be repaired. The 12-volt pump needs to be replaced at approximately \$1,000.00.

*Smitherman motioned to approve the renewal of Haviland Hardware and Grocery CMB license. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.*

*Smitherman moved to give the following bonuses: Jantz-\$350.00, McCarley-\$100.00, McAfee-\$250.00, Halverstadt-\$100.00, Hannan-\$25.00, and Fast-\$50.00. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.*

*Smitherman moved to keep salaries for 2014 the same as 2013. Davis seconded. Unanimous.*

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**\*\*\* 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 – January 3, 2014

- Executive Order 13-02 issued by the Governor August 26, 2013 remains in effect with 37 Kansas counties under an Emergency Drought Stage, 20 in Warning, and 25 in Watch. Kiowa County remains under Drought Warning.
- The US Drought Monitor has indicated conditions in Kansas degraded some in December. Drought persists in the west but dry conditions have reappeared in the east and central parts of Kansas.
- The Monthly Drought Outlook for January indicates drought conditions to persist or intensify for western Kansas.
- The Seasonal Drought Outlook through March 2014 (released December 19) indicates drought conditions to persist in the west, with drought gone in central and eastern Kansas.

**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.**



### Kids Say the Darndest Things...

**Beauty** – A little boy watched, fascinated, as his mother covered her face in cold cream. “Why do you do that?” he asked. “To make myself beautiful!” replied the mother. When she began to rub it off, the boy asked, “Why are you doing that, mom? Did you give up?”

**Ketchup** – A mother was struggling to get the ketchup out of the bottle when the phone rang. She asked her four-year-old daughter to answer it. She heard her daughter say, “Mommy can’t come to the phone. She’s hitting the bottle.”

**Dress Up** – A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw that her father was putting on his tuxedo, she said, “Daddy, you shouldn’t wear that suit.” “Why not?” he asked. “Because it always gives you a headache the next morning.”

**Children and Childbirth** – The baby was coming way too fast so the paramedics were called. To make it worse, when they arrived, there was a power outage. The paramedics asked the four-year-old sister to hold the flashlight for them. Despite the difficulties, all went well and the mother delivered a baby boy. The paramedic smacked him on the behind and he began to cry. Looking over at the wide-eyed little girl, the paramedic asked her what she thought about what she had just witnessed. She said, “That naughty boy should have never crawled in there. Spank him again!”



### Walkers - Runners - Bicyclists

There are many in Haviland who exercise daily by walking, jogging, running or bicycling. If you have seen any of these, especially at dusk or after dark, you will have noticed that some wear fluorescent clothing, carry flashlights, or wear headbands with lights. Thanks to those of you that take these precautions. Drivers encountering individuals on the streets or roads after dark without some kind of warning is extremely hazardous, to both the person and the driver. Bicycles should have reflectors on the pedals and on the front and back fenders. All persons should wear fluorescent or reflective clothing, arm or wristbands, or some kind of light. The more visible you are, the safer you will be.

Remember when walking, jogging, or running go against traffic (left side of the street) and when bicycling go with traffic (right side of the street). Stay on the side of the street or road and do not walk or ride down the middle. By following these simple guidelines, we can keep Haviland a safe place to exercise on the streets.



## Do You Know Who I Am?

It was the final examination for an introductory Biology course at the local university. Like many such freshman courses, it was designed to weed out new students, having over 500 students in the class!

The examination was two hours long, and exam booklets were provided. The professor was very strict and told the class that any exam that was not on his desk in exactly two hours would not be accepted and the student would fail. Half of an hour into the exam, a student came rushing in and asked the professor for an exam booklet.

“You’re not going to have time to finish this,” the professor stated sarcastically as he handed the student a booklet. “Yes I will,” replied the student. He then took a seat and began writing. After two hours, the professor called for the exams, and the students filed up and handed them in. All except the late student, who continued writing. An hour later, the last student came up to the professor who was sitting at his desk preparing for his next class. He attempted to put his exam on the stack of exam booklets already there.

“No you don’t, I’m not going to accept that. It’s late.” The student looked incredulous and angry. “Do you know who I am?” “No, as a matter of fact I don’t,” replied the professor with an air of sarcasm in his voice. “Do you know who I am?” the student asked again in a louder voice. “No, and I don’t care,” replied the professor with an air of superiority. “Good,” replied the student, who quickly lifted the stack of completed exams, stuffed his in the middle, and walked out of the room.



## HAVILAND BARBERSHOP

Grant Sirois  
620-770-1229

Tuesday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

HairCut - \$12.00

Beard Trim - \$8.00

Lineups - \$8.00

\$2.00 Discount with College ID



## Ten Happy Things About Getting Older

10. You know all the answers on “Remember When” trivia night.
9. Your kids actually ask for your advice from time to time.
8. You can enjoy people, because you don’t care what they think.
7. You realize all those things you used to worry about really don’t matter.
6. You’re truly thankful to wake up in the morning.
5. You don’t have to update your work skills any longer.
4. You feel no obligation to cram your feet into pointy shoes.
3. You can take the vacant seat in a crowded waiting room without feeling guilty.
2. You can decline any invitation, and they’ll understand. And most important of all. . .
1. You have something in common with everyone else your age—you’re still breathing!



## 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 12/23/2013 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 the same as last quarter), and Well #3 showed nitrate levels of 14 mg/L (which is down from 15 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?** We continue to work with Alan Luttrell, Engineer with EBH & Associates to help us in the process of staying in compliance with the State. 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@havilandtelco.com](mailto:cityhall@havilandtelco.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.

State Water System ID#: K5000 Federal Water System ID#: KS2009703

Date distributed: Mailed/E-mailed to All Citizens January 20, 2014

### 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

**Please comply with the posted speed limit on Main Street. Driving over the limit is a danger to pedestrians and other drivers.  
\*\*\*\* PLEASE SLOW DOWN! \*\*\*\***

## City Utility Bill

Your city utility bill is due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Delinquent notices are sent on the 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.



## Judgment Day

A man died and went to The Judgment, they told him, "Before you meet with God, I should tell you – we've looked over your life, and to be honest you really didn't do anything particularly good or bad. We're not really sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?"

The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, "Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a person who was being harassed by a group of thugs. So I pulled over, got out a bat, and went up to the leader of the thugs. He was a big, muscular guy with a ring pierced through his lip. Well, I tore the ring out of his lip, and told him he and his gang had better stop bothering this guy or they would have to deal with me!"

"Wow, that's impressive. When did this happen?"

"About three minutes ago," came the reply.



## Quotation

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

## \* \*Clips From the Past\* \*

City Marshall, W. A. Corrigan, is conducting a campaign to encourage more street adherence to the traffic laws. He asks that everyone please observe them and save trouble.

Haviland Review  
September 18, 1924

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In accordance with the economy program carried on in the Haviland High School in these times of economic distress, the place of the annual picnic has been changed from Elm Mills, a distance of 50 miles, to the Piester Ranch, south of town. This change has been made for two reasons, namely to save expense and to enable the parents and patrons of the school to enjoy the picnic as well.

Haviland Review  
May 11, 1933

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An organized group of rabbit catchers equipped with large nets to stretch around the field was at work north of here this week. Last Thursday one of their trucks passed through town with 121 rabbits. We were informed that they ship these rabbits alive to sportsmen in the east.

Haviland Review  
November 13, 1924

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The two town basketball teams are known as The Greybeards and The Pizzlewinks.

Haviland Review  
January 3, 1935

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While crossing the Cyrus Miller ranch south of town Saturday, the county roadmen found two 640-gallon gasoline tanks that had been dropped by a B-29 bomber plane. They brought one of the tanks to town. It may be seen back of the county garage. One peculiarity of these tanks is that they may be shot through without causing a leak.

Haviland Review  
August 3, 1944



## A Cat in Heaven

One day, a cat dies of natural causes and goes to heaven, where he meets the Lord. The Lord says to the cat, "You lived a good life, and if there is any way I can make your stay in heaven more comfortable, please let me know."

The cat thinks for a moment and says, "Lord, all my life I have lived with a poor family and had to sleep on a hard wooden floor." The Lord stops the cat and says, "Say no more," and a wonderful, fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, six mice are killed in a tragic farming accident, and all of them go to heaven. Again, the Lord is there to greet them with the same offer.

The mice answer, "All our lives we have been chased. We have had to run from cats, dogs, and even women with brooms. Running, running, running; we're tired of running. Do you think we could have roller skates so that we don't have to run anymore?" The Lord says, "Say no more" and fits each mouse with beautiful new roller skates.

About a week later, the Lord stops by to see the cat and finds him snoozing on the pillow. The Lord gently wakes the cat and asks him, "How are things since you got here?"

The cat stretches and yawns, then replies, "It is wonderful here. Better than I could have ever expected. And those 'Meals On Wheels' you've been sending by are the best!"



**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.

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