



City Clips



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*** Mayor's Musings ***

In the last issue of City Clips in the third sentence I said I would simplify the change in water rates. The part about the reasoning behind the increase was correct. The part about the actual rate changes was so convoluted that it made no sense to me so this time I will give you the final rate at the end of the three-year period that puts us in compliance with the mandate by the state. I say the "final rate" because when we reach this point, barring runaway inflation, this rate will be enough to pay off the long-term loan and have some leftover for maintenance and improvements. I hope we will not see another increase in many years.

The "final rate" will be \$42.00 per month. For this \$42.00 you will receive 5,000 gallons of water. The next 7,000 thousand gallons will cost \$4.00 per thousand and \$4.25 per thousand for any water over a total of 12,000 gallons.

Also, not all the money from the loan and grant will be spent on the nitrate system. The state has allowed us to do some upgrades on the wells and pumps. Some leaky valves will be replaced and other valves added to allow smaller sections of the town to be shut down without disrupting so many households. Please bear with us while we make these upgrades. There will also be some inconvenience during the process of paving the streets, but when they are finished I think it will be a nice improvement.

There are still a few folks that have not licensed their dogs and cats. It is not fair for most people to comply with the ordinance while some do not. The city tags are \$1.00 if your animal is neutered or spayed, and \$3.00 if they are not. We also need a copy of the rabies vaccination papers.

I would like to say a big thank you to Sheri Elliott for the great job she is doing with the flowers and pots on Main Street. My guess is that she would welcome some help if anyone would like to volunteer. (I understand that Raymond has already *volunteered* to help trim the trees by the gazebo).

A patron came to the last council meeting and mentioned that he had been out of town a few days and as he came back into town he noticed how things may look to someone coming to town for the first time. We get used to driving down the same street every day and don't really notice how it looks. Next time you pull up to your place, slow down, look around and see what everyone else sees when they drive by. Maybe there is something you could put away or do without. Let's all try to make Haviland look a little better.

Robert Ellis, Mayor



Ever Wonder Why?

- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavoring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- You know that indestructible black box that is used on planes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?



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@havilandtelco.com.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2ND 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!

City of Haviland

620-862-5317

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If you have questions, concerns, complaints, anything that warrants the council's attention, please call the City Office at 620-862-5317 or email cityhall@havilandtelco.com. For water or sewer emergencies, call Pake McCarley at 620-770-6046. 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

Dwight Smitherman Matt Ballard

Kay Unruh Steve Larsh

Tom Taylor

Personnel

Pake McCarley, City Superintendent

Shari McAfee, City Clerk

Millie Hannan, City Treasurer

Joel Halverstadt, Code/Animal

Enforcement Officer



An embarrassing moment is spitting out of a car window when it's not open.



"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

Weekly trash is picked up on Wednesday - carts out by 6:00 a.m.

Recycling is the 4th Wednesday of each month and is free - carts should be out by 8:00 a.m.

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.

NEW POLICY: Nisly will now be closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. When the holiday falls on a weekday, service will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. Please mark your calendars!

Recycle

The Kiowa County Solid Waste Department now has three recycle bins located behind Haviland Care Center 24/7; two for cardboard and the other for single stream. **THIS IS FOR RECYCLE ITEMS ONLY, NO TRASH!**

Ways to Conserve Water

Wash dishes wisely. If you use a dishwasher, wash only full loads. If you wash dishes by hand:

- Scrape dishes (but don't pre-rinse) and soak pots and pans before washing.
- Don't run the water continuously.
- Limit your use of the garbage disposal. Better yet—compost!

Be efficient in the shower and bath. Plug the drain before you run water for baths, and take shallow baths. If you run water to get it hot, catch cold water in a bucket for later use. Keep showers short (try to shorten the time you shower by at least a few minutes) with pressure at low force. Shut off the water while soaping up and shampooing.

Minimize watering outdoors.

- Water when the sun is down (to avoid evaporation) and when it's not windy. Water slowly, deeply and as little as possible.
- Let grass grow taller in hot weather. Use mulch in the garden and around shrubs to save moisture.
- Plant shrubs and other plants that don't need a lot of watering. Consider alternatives to big, thirsty lawns, such as native grasses.
- Obey any watering restrictions in your community.

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 at www.havilandks.com

April 13, 2015 – McAfee administered the oath of office to re-elected Mayor Robert Ellis, re-elected council member Steve Larsh, and newly elected council member Tom Taylor. The new council elected Matt Ballard as council president.

Larsh motioned to approve the 2015 Annual Run for Missions Special Event Permit. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.

Unruh motioned not to renew the subscription to The Kiowa County Signal. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

Smitherman motioned to approve Resolution No. 105 GAAP Waiver for 2015. Taylor seconded. Unanimous.

Smitherman motioned to go in to executive session at 8:43 p.m. for 17 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.

May 11, 2015 – *Larsh motioned for EBH to work with Mayor Ellis to review and authorize the contractors and ditch diggers to work on lowering the water and gas lines on Kingman, Poplar, Pratt and N. Wichita streets. Ballard seconded. Unanimous.*

Smitherman motioned to accept the lift station annual Preventative Maintenance Agreement at \$400.00 per year. Larsh seconded. Unanimous. Taylor motioned to purchase a new lift station transfer switch for approximately \$1,356.00 with a \$500.00 installation fee. Ballard seconded. Unanimous.

Ballard motioned to purchase a \$125.00 ad in the Haviland American Legion program booklet. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

Smitherman motioned to authorize the city clerk to work up to 40 hours per week as needed. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.

June 8, 2015 – *Smitherman motioned to adopt Resolution No. 106 regarding street improvements. Ballard seconded. Unanimous.*

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☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ The Barber and the Boy ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

A young boy enters a barbershop and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you." The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!"

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son, may I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game is over!"

* * * 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!!!**

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.

City Utility Bill

Your city utility bill is mailed on the last working day of the month and 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 \$25.00 will be assessed if service is interrupted.

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.

Haviland Promotional Pride

A promotion brochure of 1930 sets forth these facts about the town:

Haviland, Kansas, a progressive and modern town in southwestern Kansas, is on U.S. Highway 54, and on the main line of the Rock Island railroad. It is in the heart of the greatest wheat producing area of Kansas. A modern city water system supplies the inhabitants with an abundance of soft pure well water.

The town has two good churches, three schools, five lodges, one lumber yard, three grain elevators, two implement dealers handling the latest improved farm machinery, two produce houses, one cabinet shop, one feed grinding mill, one barber shop, three restaurants, one newspaper and job printing office, one shoe shop, two meat markets, one ladies' clothing shop, one gents' furnishings store, two hardware stores, one furniture store, one jeweler, one undertaker, one substantial bank, six filling stations, two garages, two blacksmith shops, one drug store, telephone exchange, post office, one hotel, one good cabin camp, one cleaning and pressing shop, two doctors, one insurance agency, one tire shop, five bulk oil stations, one dry goods store, three grocery stores, city hall, fire department, baseball teams, Lions Club, and miniature golf course.



**** Clips From the Past ****

A man who lives up near the Academy thinks that place and the peach orchards nearby ought to be converted into a Sparking Park, with gates open only from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Haviland Onlooker
September 7, 1906

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HAVILAND BOOSTER DAYS

On the two Booster Days in August 1912, the Haviland Bakery, Proprietor H. F. Bryant, made the following record in baking:

- 1,500 loaves bread
- 3,000 buns
- 350 loaves cream bread
- 70 layer cakes
- 40 angel food cakes
- 20 dozen coconut kisses
- 8 sheet cakes
- 80 dozen cupcakes
- 25 loaf cakes
- 800 cookies
- 40 dozen Parker House rolls
- 24 dozen cinnamon rolls

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The first start toward the rebuilding of the burned district (west side of Main Street) started Saturday morning with the necessary preliminary of cleaning the debris from the lots where Mr. Carver will build a substantial brick building.

The new building will be a one story brick 25'x60' with a basement under the entire building. Mr. Carver expects to finish the front 20' of the basement, and put in a nice front, making the room suitable for a barbershop or other business. Walter Ellis will do the cement work, R. S. Cope the wood work, and the Crebs Bros. the brick work.

This is the first building to be built in the burned district, and the construction of three or four more on the block would help the appearance of the business part of the town more than anything else that could be done.

Haviland Onlooker
May 8, 1913

For the second time within a year, Haviland has been visited by a fire that destroyed almost a block. A fire nearly, Tuesday morning, destroyed the entire block of frame buildings on the east side of Main Street from the Bryant brick south to the railroad. The cause or origin of the fire is unknown, but when the fire was discovered at about two o'clock the confectionary, Crow Barber Shop and Bryant Meat market were afire and it started in the north end. There was a light wind from the north and the buildings burned rapidly; soon cleaning up the entire block of frame buildings, but it was checked when reaching the brick wall of the Bryant Hardware.

As near as we are able to learn, the loss was ten or twelve thousand dollars with probably four thousand dollars insurance. The heaviest loss was the W.L. Baer Grocery with a probable loss of \$3,500 and no insurance. The Bryant Meat market was covered by insurance; the Rahencamp Confectionary was partially covered by insurance. The two barbershops and the Crebs Pantitorium were a total loss, but the two shops were insured. The Elliot Drug Store had just vacated the Duncan building last week, and was fortunate enough to get off with the loss of a few dollars worth of stuff not yet moved. The heat was so great that the plate glass in the row of buildings across the street were nearly all cracked.

The two chemical engines did good work, but were altogether too small to be of much use in this kind of fire. However, it is doubtful if much could have been done to save any of the old frame buildings with the start they had, even with a water works system, but it shows the need of some better fire protection.

Haviland Onlooker
February 27, 1914

Last Thursday during the big rain our marshal dug two half-frozen tramps out of a straw stack, brought them to town, thawed them out by his office fire, gave them supper and breakfast at the restaurant and allowed them to sleep in the jail. The next morning he gave them a job on the streets at \$1.25 per day. They worked one day, drew their pay and skipped, leaving the marshal in the hole for their board. He followed them and brought them back. On searching them they found one carried firearms and he was fined \$2.50 and is now working the amount out. The other paid his delinquent board bill and was allowed to move to greener pastures.

Haviland Onlooker
April 13, 1916

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The people of Haviland have had plenty of chances to have their fortunes taken this week, for two bands of gypsies were here the forepart of the week trying to tell fortunes to anyone who would listen.

Haviland Onlooker
June 1917

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The workmen started on the new high school building Tuesday, June 27, 1922. They began to stake off the basement. Bryant and Davis began to dig the well June 28, 1922.

Haviland Review
June 1922

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Williams Grocery will hold their second annual egg contest during the month of March. To the lady who brings us the most eggs during the month of March we will give a \$5.00 gold piece, and to the one who brings the second largest number, we will give a \$2.50 gold piece.

Remember, we pay the highest market price for eggs, and we do not ask you to trade them out, but we will pay you the cash for them.

Haviland Onlooker
February 24, 1927

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 June 23, 2015 from Well #1 had nitrate levels of 13 mg/L (which is up one from last quarter), Well #2 had nitrate levels of 15 mg/L (which is up three from last quarter), and Well #3 had nitrate levels of 13 mg/L (which is the same as 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? Funding has been approved from USDA for the installation of an ion exchange system. Installation will begin this year and the estimated date for completion is May 1, 2016. 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.

Ultimate Goal? Not to have to publish this notice ever again!

For more information, please contact: Pake McCarley 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.

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

Date distributed: Mailed/E-mailed to All Citizens August 3, 2015

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 second Monday of each month.

MAIN STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

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! ******

Nisly Excessively Windy Day Suggestions

1. Place a brick or short board on top of the trash and/or recycle cart lid. It will fall off when the cart is lifted, or
2. Face the front of the cart away from the wind. While a little more difficult for the driver, he can still grab and lift the cart.

51st ANNUAL

Southwest Kansas Antique Engine and Thresher Show

Friday and Saturday, August 21-22, 2015
502 E. Walnut, Haviland, KS (The Konkel Homestead)

* * * * FREE ADMISSION * * * *

Friday – August 21

- * All Day Tractor Displays & Activities
- * Auction – 3:00 p.m. (Info: Bob 620-723-2770)
- * Bean Feed – 5:30 p.m. (Show Grounds)

Saturday – August 22

- * All Day Tractor Displays & Activities
- * Citywide Yard Sale – 8:00 a.m. (Info: Shari 620-862-5317)
- * Main Street Parade – 10:00 a.m. (Info: Carla 620-862-5458)

FOR THE KIDS

Friday

All Day Tank of Corn Coin Search

Saturday

Egg Toss, Tug-O-War, Pedal Pull - 2:00 p.m. (Sanctioned by Kiowa County Farm Bureau)

ACTIVITIES FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

SAW MILLING – FLEA MARKET – GRAIN THRESHING – GASOLINE ENGINES – ANTIQUE TRACTORS
ROCK CRUSHING – STATIONARY HAY BALING – WOOD PLANING – BAKER FAN TESTING
GARDEN TRACTORS & ANTIQUE VEHICLES

MEALS ON GROUNDS BOTH DAYS

Camper Hook Ups Available

For More Information Contact:

Dan Woods 620-770-0498 – Andy Kimble 620-408-5600

havilandthreshershow@yahoo.com

Citywide Yard Sale

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Beginning Time 7:00 a.m. or 8:00a.m. – Seller's Choice

If you think you are on the verge of, or already have lost your mind because you are thinking of having yet another yard sale, don't despair. You will undoubtedly find it on August 22, tucked inside a box of treasures you purchased at someone else's yard sale!

The City of Haviland in conjunction with the Southwest Kansas Antique Engine and Thresher Show is once again sponsoring a citywide yard sale.

If you are interested in having a yard sale on this date, please call the City office, 620-862-5317, or send an email to cityhall@havilandtelco.com, so that I can put you on a map with each sale location noted. These maps will be available in the city businesses during the week prior to yard sale day, at the Thresher Show and at the yard sales.

Thresher Show weekend is a great boost to our community, to our businesses, and to all of us in general. Let's do all we can to make it successful!

Southwest Kansas Area Agency On Aging Medicare? "But I'm not that old...yet!"

The Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging is sponsoring a meet and greet Medicare informational meeting to be held August 7th in Greensburg, KS at 12:10 p.m. at the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital (721 W. Kansas Ave.) to explain Medicare to those nearing Medicare age. This is a short, to the point, in-a-nutshell presentation with questions afterwards for those who have a need for more in-depth knowledge. These programs will be presented by:

- ❖ **Rick Schaffer** - Information and Assistance Director, Senior Health Insurance Coordinator
- ❖ **Michael Johnson** - Family Caregiver Coordinator, Senior Health Insurance Counselor for Kansas
- ❖ **Lori Gerard** - Information and Assistance Specialist, Senior Health Insurance Counselor for Kansas.

Bring your own lunch and prepare yourself to navigate the maze of Medicare.

To register call 620-225-6230, 800-742-9531 or www.SWKAAA.org.

A Look at the Past - Rural Schools - Readin', Ritin' 'n Rithmetic

All of the information in the following article came from the *History of Kiowa County* book published in 1979.

Shari McAfee, Editor

The early settlers of Kiowa County placed a very high priority on education.

During the years of 1886 and 1887, rural school districts were organized throughout the county. These districts were very close together, since students (and teachers) walked, rode horses, or traveled by buggy or cart. There were 54 districts, each with their own distinctive name, a few being: Blue Ridge, Lone Tree, Kow Boy Korner, Victory, Nickel, Pyle and Sandhill.

Schools were held for seven or eight months and salaries for teachers ranged from \$25.00 to \$125.00 per month. A rural teacher had many responsibilities: custodian, librarian, supervisor, counselor, disciplinarian, instructor, nurse, playmate, confidante, and last but not least a friend.

Before she married, my mother, Lucymae (Lyon) Meireis, taught for three years (1938-1941) in Golden Valley District No. 43, which was located in the northeast district of the county. During those years, seventeen pupils (grades 1-6) was the most that she taught at any one time. Golden Valley was seven miles north and about two miles east of Haviland. I grew up a couple of miles from where the building (long gone by then) was located.

One of the interesting stories shared by my mother was about one morning before classes began, five boys (all from one family) came running into the schoolhouse all out of breath and frightened. They said an old tramp had followed them all the way to school and kept shouting at them. I hurriedly closed the door and we watched as this person neared the schoolhouse. What a relief it was to learn that it was their mother who was trying to catch them to give them their lunches they had forgotten. In her haste to catch up with them, she had grabbed a sheepskin jacket for a coat and they had not recognized her. She had followed them nearly two miles waving and calling to them.

There was a close bond between the teachers of rural schools and their students. My mother spoke very fondly of those days and the children that she taught. Most are gone now, but two of those children still live here, Clifton Clark and his younger brother Doyle.

Through the years rural schools served their various communities until changing times required adjustment. As enrollments became smaller, rural schools consolidated with "city" schools. 1959 saw the last of the rural schools disorganized and they became part of the three unified districts of Kiowa County.

FRINGE BENEFITS

The life style of a schoolteacher has changed radically. A 1915 teacher's magazine listed the following rules of conduct for teachers of that day:

- ❖ You will not marry during the term of your contract.
- ❖ You are not to keep company with men.
- ❖ You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless attending a school function.
- ❖ You may not loiter downtown in ice cream stores.
- ❖ You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.
- ❖ You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
- ❖ You may not smoke cigarettes.
- ❖ You may not dress in bright colors.
- ❖ You may under no circumstances dye your hair.
- ❖ You must wear at least two petticoats.
- ❖ Your dresses must not be shorter than two inches above the ankle.

Health Department

The Kiowa County Health Department is here to serve you. They can help with a wide range of services and want to be sure that folks are staying healthy. Call for an appointment so they can answer any questions that you may have. Call 620-723-2136 or send an email to mitzi.hesser@kiowacountyks.org.

Services provided:

- **Immunization** for children and adults
 - Private pay
 - Insurance billed
 - Vaccine for children who have no insurance
- **Family Planning Service** (sliding scale fee) completely confidential for all ages
- **Physicals**
 - Kan-Be-Healthy (for medical cards)
 - Preschool and school entrance
 - Well child checks (lead screening, office calls)
- **Foot Care**
- **Screenings**
 - Blood pressure
 - Blood sugar
 - Urinalysis
 - Ear wash
 - Pregnancy test
 - Hemoglobin
- **Allergy Injections**
- **Health Promotion Talks and Information**
- **WIC** – (Women, Infant and Children nutrition program)
- **Safe Haven Place** (Newborn Infant Protection Act)



Senior Moments

“Organic food? No thanks. I need all the preservatives I can get!”

“Now that I am old enough to know the answers, why aren’t the young asking me any questions?”



County Information

KIOWA COUNTY GOVERNMENT – www.kiowacountyks.org

All Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- **County Offices** are located at 211 E. Florida Ave., Greensburg.
 - **All Emergencies** 911
 - **Appraiser’s Office** 620-723-3301
D. J. McMurry – Office is located in the Northeast corner of the main floor of the courthouse.
 - **County Attorney** 620-723-2721
Scott James – Office is located in the Southwest corner of the upper floor of the courthouse.
 - **County Clerk** 620-723-3366
Kristi Cooper – Office located in the Southwest corner of the main floor of the courthouse.
 - **County Health Nurse** 620-723-2136
Mitzi Hesser – Office located in the Northwest corner of the lower floor of the courthouse.
 - **District Court** 620-723-3317
District Magistrate Judge Ann Dixson – Office located in the Northeast corner of the upper floor of the courthouse.
 - **Emergency Management** 620-723-4154
Ray Stegman – Office located in the Southwest corner of the lower floor of the courthouse.
 - **Long Term Recovery** 620-723-1343
Matt Christenson – Office located in the Southwest corner of the lower floor of the Courthouse.
 - **Register of Deeds** 620-723-2441
Karen Butler – Office located in the Northwest corner of the main floor of the courthouse.
 - **Road and Bridge** 720-723-2531
Gunnar Stauth – Offices located at 1002 S. Grove.
 - **Sheriff’s Office** 620-723-2182
Chris Tedder – Office located at 123 E. Wisconsin.
 - **Treasurer** 620-723-2681
Brenda Osborne – Office located in the Southeast corner of the main floor of the courthouse.
- **County Commission**
 - District One** – John W. Unruh – Eastern Kiowa County (Haviland)
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 - District Two** – Bert Lowry – Central Kiowa County (Greensburg)
 - District Three** – Ron Freeman – Western Kiowa County (Mullinville)
Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and the last working day of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room located in the Northeast corner of the lower level of the courthouse.
- **South Landfill** 620-723-1034
Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except holidays. The landfill is located at 10263 31st Ave., or about 3½ miles south of the end of Greensburg’s Olive Street on the west side of the road.
- **County Agents** 620-723-2156
FACS Agent – Pam Muntz and Agriculture Agent – Barrett Smith. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Office is located in the center office of the Commons at 320 S. Main St., Suite 110.

“Haviland Happenings”

Because various local events across the years make interesting reading, the following have been selected from a variety of printed records.

1907-1916

1907: The Epworth League was organized locally by the Methodists.

1908: The first cement sidewalks were poured on Main Street; Bryant Brothers, through their Buick agency, introduced the first automobiles in Kiowa County; Virgil L. Darby became the first resident pastor for the Methodist Church.

1909: Home L. Cox came as the first hired pastor for the Friends Church; Bryant Brothers built the first brick store in town—complete with an elevator to reach all three floors.

1910: The Friends’ 25th anniversary was observed; a two-story addition was made to the north of the Academy building.

1911: The Haviland State Bank moved into its new brick building on the original site at Main and Walnut, having moved the old frame building west across the street. J. Gordon Bennett came from Lawrence Business College as “summer help” but remained active in the bank until his death in 1958; fire destroyed most of the frame structures on the east side of Main’s business block; the left wing of the Methodist Church was built; the Friends Church reached its peak membership of 696.

1912: Fire swept through half the business block on the west side of Main; a six-room parsonage was built by the Friends.

1913: The post office building (now the Haviland State Bank conference room) was completed; the brick building for I.N. Carver’s drug store was completed; Philip and William Phillips took over the hardware store begun by Charley Phillips in 1911; the Haviland mercantile Exchange was organized, the fore-runner of the Farmers Cooperative; the brick grade school was built.

1914: The Haviland Masonic Lodge #409 was organized.

1915: The City Hall was erected—in the south portion was a Council room (also used by domino players) and a jail compartment, while the fire truck was kept in the north section, which is now the Community Room; the city entered into a contract with A.E. Johnson of Greensburg to furnish electric power for the city; the public high school opened with an enrollment of 35, using the upper floor of the grade school.

1916: Fire destroyed the Haviland Onlooker building and print shop, together with all back issues of Haviland papers; Dave Meisenheimer opened his blacksmith shop, where he stayed in business for 54 years; a sister and brother were the first to graduate from Haviland High School; the ownership of Haviland Friends Academy passed to a private association. Haviland’s population was 512.



“And your wife doesn’t say anything when you return home at 3 o’clock in the morning?” “No, I walk in backwards with a lot of noise to make her think I’m going out.”
Haviland Review, January 29, 1925

“I do hope you keep your cows in a pasture,” gushed Mrs. Newlywed as she paid the milkman. “Yes’m,” replied the milkman, “of course we keep them in a pasture.” “I’m so glad,” said Mrs. Newlywed. “I’ve been told that pasteurized milk is much the best.”
Haviland Review, August 18, 1927



Kid’s Say the Darndest Things!

Back in the 1950’s and 60’s, Art Linkletter had a live TV program called “House Party”. During each show there was a segment where he would ask questions to four kids that were sitting in a row on the stage. He would go from one child to the next, and then back and forth. Mr. Linkletter wrote a book with some of his favorite responses and those of his studio audiences.

The following questions were asked on the subject of “siblings.”

You say you have a brother, what sort is he? He’s a sort of an impossible human being.

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Any brothers or sisters? No. *What would you like?* A Pekingese.

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Do you have any brothers or sisters? No, I’m single.

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Are you an only child? No, I have a brother. *What’s his age?* I don’t know his age but he’s four years old.

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Any brothers or sisters? A sister. *How old?* Month old. *What does she do most of the time?* Plays on the back fence. *How can she do that?* She’s a cat.

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Do you have any brothers or sisters? Five brothers. *How old are they?* The youngest is seventeen and the oldest is thirty-nine. *How old is your mother?* Forty-one.

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How many brothers and sisters do you have? *Four brothers and one sister.* What’s the biggest problem in growing up in a large family? *The fight to see who gets first in line to take a bath. The last one has to use cold water.* Do you like hot-water baths? *I don’t know; I’ve never had any.*



Trivia – Useful and Otherwise

Excerpts From Letters Sent to Welfare Departments

1. I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children. I have seven, but one died which was baptized on a half sheet of paper.
2. I am writing the Welfare Department to say that my baby was born 2 years old. WHEN do I get my money?
3. Mrs. Jones has not had any clothes for a year and has been visited regularly by the clergy.
4. I cannot get sick pay. I have six children. Can you tell my why?
5. I am glad to report that my husband who is missing is dead.
6. This is my eighth child. WHAT are you going to do about it?
7. Please find for certain if my husband is dead. The man I am living with now can't eat or do anything till he knows.
8. I am very much annoyed to find you have branded my son illiterate. This is a dirty lie as I was married a week before he was born.
9. In answer to your letter, I have given birth to a boy weighing 10 pounds. I hope this is satisfactory.
10. I am forwarding my marriage certificate and three children, one of which is a mistake as you can see.
11. My husband got his project cut off two weeks ago and I haven't had any relief since.
12. Unless I get my husband's money pretty soon, I will be forced to live an immortal life.
13. You have changed my little boy to a girl. Will this make any difference?
14. I have no children yet as my husband is a truck driver and works day and night.
15. In accordance with your instructions I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.
16. I want my money as quick as I can get it. I've been in bed with the doctor for two weeks and he doesn't do me any good. If things don't improve, I will have to send for another doctor.

Late Life Success Stories

Rome's fourth emperor led a decidedly un-regal early life. He suffered from several embarrassing physical disabilities including a limp, and his own mother described him as a "monstrosity of a human being." Ignored and ridiculed, **Claudius** whiled away most of his youth with drinking, dice-playing and academic study. He didn't assume significant political office until the age of 46, when he became co-consul with his nephew, the Roman Emperor Caligula. Following Caligula's assassination in A.D. 41, the Praetorian Guard shocked the empire by installing the aging Claudius as Rome's new leader. Many expected the 50-year-old to be a weak ruler, but he negotiated the treacherous waters of Roman politics with surprising savvy. After avoiding several attempts on his life and consolidating his power, Claudius completed the Roman conquest of Britain and went on to rule for 13 years.

Historical Figures Famous for Something They Never Did

George Washington Carver was an American scientist and inventor famous for creating alternative food products and farming methods. But while Carver's many innovations earned him comparisons to Leonardo da Vinci, the erroneous belief that he invented peanut butter has stuck in the popular imagination.

Carver was indeed a peanut pioneer--he is reputed to have found over 300 uses for the legume during his career--but he wasn't the first person to create peanut butter. In truth, evidence of peanut-based pastes can be found in South America as far back as 950 B.C. Meanwhile, modern peanut butter substances were first patented in 1884 by Marcellus Edson--who referred to it as "peanut-candy"--and later by John Harvey Kellogg, who unveiled a process for creating peanut butter in 1895. While he eventually became its most famous advocate, Carver did not begin his own experiments on the peanut until 1903.

Common Sayings With Historical Origins

"Turn a blind eye." The phrase "turn a blind eye"--often used to refer to a willful refusal to acknowledge a particular reality--dates back to a legendary chapter in the career of the British naval hero Horatio Nelson. During 1801's Battle of Copenhagen, Nelson's ships were pitted against a large Danish-Norwegian fleet. When his more conservative superior officer flagged for him to withdraw, the one-eyed Nelson supposedly brought his telescope to his bad eye and blithely proclaims, "I really do not see the signal." He went on to score a decisive victory. Some historians have since dismissed Nelson's famous quip as merely battlefield myth, but the phrase "turn a blind eye" persists to this day.



101 Things Husbands Do To Annoy Their Wives

#60 – He writes down important phone messages or numbers that are unreadable.

Explanation: This is his answer to the expensive and cumbersome paper shredder. He knows the damage that has been done when legible information has gotten into the wrong hands. He also wants her to realize that being married to a doctor wouldn't be as wonderful as she may imagine.



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