



City Clips



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* * * Mayor's Musings * * *

I have tried to simplify this water rate thing. Here is my last attempt. When the rate reaches \$42.00 per month, that will be the price per household to be connected to the Haviland water system whether you use any water or not. When you use more than 5,000 gallons the bill will be higher. If you need more explanation than this, go back to some of the old City Clips where I have explained it in detail or ask Shari to explain it to you.

As I write this the curb and gutter is complete and the paving is done except for one block between Pratt Street and Wichita Street. There are still some driveway aprons and a little more concrete work to be done. If the weather gives us a little break I hope the project is completed by the time you read this. I know this has been a long and arduous process and I appreciate your patience.

The water project is coming along ahead of schedule and will be completed and in operation by mid summer. I will stress again the ponds down by the highway are evaporation ponds for the storage of waste salt water from the nitrate removal system. They are not "sewer ponds" and there will be no offensive odor.

The building east of the city shop will house the nitrate removal equipment. Some time in January we will be required to **turn the water off** to the whole town to facilitate connecting the equipment in this building into the water tower. You will be notified when this will take place as soon as the contractor lets us know when he will be ready. I hope this is the last time we have to turn water off to the whole town. We have installed additional valves so we can shut down sections so we can do work in those sections without having to turn off water for the entire town.

In the last issue I mentioned the fact that we would be removing the old brick well house directly east of the water tower and that the brick would be available for salvage. I received no response to the offer. I am of the opinion that the folks that read this are of the same generation as me and have no interest in cleaning up old brick. If you know of some young person with lots of energy that would like to put a brick wainscot around the outside of their house, tell them to get in touch with me. Otherwise it will probably be thrown away.

Have a Happy New Year.

Robert Ellis, Mayor

Water Rate Increase in January

The following monthly rates for the sale of water to all consumers by the Water Department of the City of Haviland, Kansas shall be charged and collected beginning January 1, 2016 (1st billing date will be January 31, 2016).

- 1) For the first two thousand gallons (2,000) of water, or portions thereof: twenty-six dollars (\$26.00);
- 2) For the next ten thousand gallons (10,000) of water, or portions thereof: three dollars (\$3.00) per each one thousand gallons (1,000);
- 3) For all water in excess of twelve thousand gallons (12,000): three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) per each one thousand gallons (1,000).

Nisly Rate Increase in January

The rate for monthly residential trash service will increase to \$13.00 beginning January 1, 2016 (1st billing date will be January 31, 2016). This rate includes one trash cart and one or two recycle carts. Additional trash or recycle carts will be \$6.00 each.

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 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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is
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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@haviglandtelco.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

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Council Members

Dwight Smitherman Matt Ballard
Kay Unruh Steve Larsh

Tom Taylor

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Pake McCarley, City Superintendent
Shari McAfee, City Clerk
Millie Hannan, City Treasurer
Joel Halverstadt, Code/Animal
Enforcement Officer



There is nothing so annoying as arguing with somebody who knows what he is talking about.



"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 5:00 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.

Nisly is 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!**

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New Post Office

Haviland had a fitting celebration of New Year's by moving into the finest and most up-to-date Post Office along the Rock Island for a town of this size.

This new room, which is built onto the rear of the Haviland State Bank, is an ideal location in the business center of town. The entire room is 28'x49'. The new office fixtures are metal, finished in mahogany. They are fixed with 232 lock boxes of different sizes. More fixtures can be installed, if necessary. The office is heated by hot water from the bank plant.

With the new lock boxes you can now get your mail from about 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The general delivery windows are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Onlooker will be moved into the vacated post office building after renovations.

Haviland Onlooker
January 9, 1914

Mini Minutes

Complete minutes at www.havilandks.com

October 12, 2015

Street Project – Smitherman motioned to approve Heft Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$83,236.50. Ballard seconded. Unanimous.

Water Project – Smitherman motioned to approve Krudico Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$115,176.38 for the equipment. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.

Christmas Pageant Program Ad – Unruh motioned to approve a \$500 full-page ad for the Christmas Pageant program. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

November 9, 2015

Street Project – Smitherman motioned to approve the Heft Pay Estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$87,741.45. Taylor seconded. Unanimous.

Water Project – Ballard motioned to approve Option 1 to replace eight or more fire hydrants and four valves and Option 2 to replace the waterline on Kingman with 8" line from Walnut to Cherry and 6" line from Cherry to Sycamore. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

Taylor motioned to approve the APAC Pay Estimate No. 1 for the treatment plant in the amount of \$152,298.83. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

Taylor motioned to approve APAC Pay Estimate No. 1 for the well improvements in the amount of \$44,354.89. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

Ordinance No. 345 – Taylor motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 365 with the change of Section 7. A. from twenty-one (21) days to ten (10) days to alleviate yard nuisance. Ballard seconded. Unanimous.

BC "Campus of Lights" – Smitherman motioned to give Barclay College permission for fireworks at "Campus of Lights" on November 30. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.

December 14, 2015

Ray Stegman – Ballard motioned to approve and sign the Kiowa County Emergency Operation Plan and the Kiowa County Mitigation Plan. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

Street Project – Unruh motioned to approve Change Order No. 1 to pave two intersections (Maple St. and Topeka St.) at a cost of \$8,107.50. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

Smitherman motioned to approve Heft Pay Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$307,233.42. Ballard seconded. Unanimous.

Water Project – Smitherman motioned to approve APAC Well Improvements Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$101,844.18. Taylor seconded. Unanimous.

Ballard motioned to approve APAC Treatment Plant Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$385,530.76. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

Taylor motioned to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$270,296.00 pending Rural Development approval. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.

Haviland Hardware CMB License – Ballard motioned to approve the Haviland Hardware/Grocery CMB license for 2016. Taylor seconded. Unanimous.

2016 Wages/2015 Bonuses – Smitherman motioned to increase the wages for the City Clerk and the City Superintendent by 2% for the year 2016. Taylor seconded. Unanimous.

Taylor motioned to award the following bonus to city employees: Pake McCarley-\$250.00, Shari McAfee-\$350.00, Carol Fast-\$50.00, Millie Hannan-\$25.00, Joel Halverstadt-\$150.00 and \$100.00 to Sheri Elliot for contractual services. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.

Publishing of Ordinances and Resolutions

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

ORDINANCE NO. 365

AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT, PRESERVE, UPGRADE, AND REGULATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS BY DECLARING CERTAIN MATTERS AS NUISANCES, MOTOR VEHICLE NUISANCES, AND MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS NUISANCES WITHIN THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS, WHICH ARE INJURIOUS TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE OR AESTHETIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. ORDINANCE NO. 345 AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE APPEALED.

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

SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF GOVERNING BODY. The governing body finds that junked, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative, abandoned, or non-tagged motor vehicles and junked, dismantled, abandoned or non-secured motor vehicle parts affect the health, safety and general welfare of citizens of the City, because they:

- A. serve as a breeding ground for flies, mosquitoes, rats and other insects and rodents;
- B. are a danger to persons, particularly children, because of broken glass, sharp metal protrusions, insecure mounting on blocks, jacks or other supports;
- C. are a ready source of fire and explosion;
- D. encourage pilfering and theft;
- E. constitute a blighting influence upon the area in which they are located;
- F. constitute a fire hazard, because they frequently block access for fire equipment to adjacent buildings and structures.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. As used in this ordinance, unless the content clearly indicates otherwise:

- A. motor vehicle means, without limitation, any automobile, truck, tractor or motorcycle, which, as originally built contained an engine, regardless of whether it contains an engine at any other time.
- B. motor vehicle parts means any portion of a motor vehicle not attached to a motor vehicle.
- C. non-secured means not enclosed in a garage or other building.
- D. inoperable means a condition of being wholly or partially dismantled, discarded, abandoned or unable to perform the function or purpose for which it was originally constructed.

person means an individual, corporation, partnership or association

SECTION 3. NUISANCES UNLAWFUL; DEFINED; EXCEPTIONS. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain any nuisance within the City as defined, but not be limited to, as follows:

- A. exterior conditions (yard) shall include, but not be limited to, the scattering over or the parking, leaving, depositing or accumulation on the yard of any of the following:
 - 1) filth, excrement, lumber, rocks, dirt, cans, paper, trash, wire, metal, tires, masonry products, plastic products, supplies, equipment, machinery, auto parts, junk or refuse, or any other offensive or disagreeable thing or substance thrown or left or deposited upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, park, public or private enclosure or lot, whether vacant or occupied;
 - 2) all dead animals not removed within twenty-four (24) hours after death;
 - 3) any place or structure or substance which emits or causes any offensive, disagreeable or nauseous odors;
 - 4) all stagnant ponds or pools of water;
 - 5) all grass or weeds which have grown to seed;
 - 6) furniture, stoves, refrigerators, televisions, sinks, bicycles, lawn mowers, or other such items of personal property;
 - 7) all articles or things whatsoever caused, kept, maintained or permitted by any person to the injury, annoyance or inconvenience of the public or of any neighborhood;
 - 8) any fence, structure, thing or substance placed upon or being upon any street, sidewalk, alley or public ground so as to obstruct the same, except as permitted by the laws of the City.
- B. Exterior conditions (structure) shall include, but not be limited to, deteriorated, dilapidated, or unsightly:
 - 1) exteriors of any structure;
 - 2) exteriors of any accessory structure; or
 - 3) fences, walls, or retaining walls.

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It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or permit any motor vehicle nuisance or motor vehicle parts nuisance within the City.

- 1) A motor vehicle nuisance is any motor vehicle which is not currently registered or tagged pursuant to K.S.A. 8-126 to 8-149 inclusive, as amended; or incapable of moving under its own power; or in a junked, wrecked or inoperable condition. Any one of the following conditions shall raise the presumption that a motor vehicle is junked, wrecked, inoperable or not currently registered:
 - a) absence of a current registration plate upon the motor vehicle;
 - b) placement of the motor vehicle or motor vehicle parts thereof upon jacks, blocks, or other supports;
 - c) absence of one or more motor vehicle parts of the motor vehicle necessary for the lawful operation of the motor vehicle upon street or highway.
- 2) A motor vehicle parts nuisance is any abandoned or non-secured motor vehicle part.
- 3) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:
 - a) any motor vehicle which is enclosed in a garage or other building; or
 - b) to the parking or storage of a motor vehicle inoperable for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or less.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC OFFICER. The Haviland City Council shall designate a public officer to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. COMPLAINTS; INQUIRY AND INSPECTION. The public officer shall make inquiry and inspection of premises upon receiving a complaint or complaints in writing signed by two (2) or more persons stating that a nuisance exists and describing the same and where located, or is informed that a nuisance may exist by the City Council or any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the ordinances of the City of Haviland.

SECTION 6. RIGHT OF ENTRY. It shall be a violation of this ordinance to deny the public officer the right of access and entry upon private property at any reasonable time for the purpose of making inquiry and inspection to determine if a nuisance exists.

SECTION 7. NOTICE. The governing body shall serve upon the owner, any agent of the owner of the real property or any other person found by the public officer to be in violation of Section 3 a notice of such violation. The order shall be served on the owner or agent of such real property by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service. If the real property is unoccupied and the owner is a nonresident, then by mailing the order by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the owner.

If the owner or the agent of the owner of the real property has failed to accept delivery or otherwise failed to effectuate receipt of a notice or order sent, the governing body of the City may provide notice of the issuance of any further orders to abate or remove a nuisance from such real property or provide notice of the order by such methods including, but not limited to, door hangers, conspicuously posting notice of such order on the real property, personal notification, telephone communication or first class mail. If the real property is unoccupied and the owner is a nonresident, notice provided by this section shall be given by telephone communication or first class mail.

The notice shall state the condition(s) which is(are) in violation of Section 3. The notice shall also inform that the person shall have:

- A. ten (10) days from the receipt of the order to alleviate the exterior conditions (yard, motor vehicle, motor vehicle parts) violation; and/or;
- B. forty-five (45) days from the receipt of the order to alleviate the exterior conditions (structure) violation; or in the alternative to subsections A and B above,
- C. ten (10) days from the receipt of the order, plus any additional time granted under subsection C, to request, as provided in Section 9 a hearing before the governing body or its designated representative on the matter; and, provided, however, that the governing body or its designee may grant one or more extensions to the time periods stated in subsections A, B, and C, above, if the owner or agent of the real property demonstrates that due diligence is being exercised in the abatement of the conditions which have caused the violation of this ordinance; and,

Failure to abate the condition(s) or to request a hearing within the time allowed may result in prosecution as provided by Section 8 and/or abatement of the condition(s) by the City as provided by Section 11.

SECTION 8. FAILURE TO ABATE THE NUISANCE OR REQUEST A HEARING; PENALTY. Should the person fail to comply with the notice to abate the nuisance or request a hearing, the public officer may file a complaint in the Municipal Court of the City against such person, and upon conviction of any violation of provisions of Section 3, be fined in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues after notice has been served shall constitute an additional or separate offense.

SECTION 9. HEARING. If a hearing is requested within the ten (10) day period as provided in Section 7, such request shall be made in writing to the governing body. Failure to make a timely request for a hearing or appear at a requested hearing shall constitute a waiver of the person's right to contest the findings of the public officer before the

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governing body. The hearing shall be held by the governing body as soon as possible after the filing of the request therefore, and the person shall be advised by the City of the time and place of the hearing at least five (5) days in advance thereof. At any such hearing, counsel may represent the person, and the person and the City may introduce such witnesses and evidence as is deemed necessary and proper by the governing body. The hearing need not be conducted according to the formal rules of evidence. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the governing body shall record its determination of the matter by means of adopting a resolution and serving the resolution upon the person in the manner provided in Section 11.

SECTION 10. FAILURE TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC OFFICER ACCESS AND ENTRY; PENALTY. Should the person fail to allow the public officer access and/or entry as provided in Section 6, the public officer may file a complaint in the Municipal Court of the City against the person; and upon conviction of any violation of provisions of Section 6, be fined in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day upon which a public officer's request for access and/or entry is denied shall constitute an additional or separate offense.

SECTION 11. ABATEMENT. In addition to, or as an alternative to prosecution as provided in Section 8, the public officer may seek to remedy violations of Section 3 in the following manner: If a person to whom a notice has been sent has neither alleviated the conditions causing the alleged violation nor requested a hearing before the governing body within the time period specified in Section 7, the City Council may adopt a resolution authorizing the public officer or other agents of the City to abate the conditions causing the violation at the end of five (5) days after passage of the resolution. The resolution shall further provide that the costs incurred by the City shall be charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which the nuisance was located as provided in Section 12. A copy of the resolution shall be served upon the person in violation in one of the following ways:

- A. personal service upon the person;
- B. service by certified mail, return receipt requested; or
- C. in the event the whereabouts of such person are unknown and the same cannot be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, an affidavit to that effect shall be made by the public officer with the City Clerk, and the serving of the resolution shall be made by publishing the same once in the official City newspaper and by posting a copy of the resolution on the premises where such condition exists.

SECTION 12. COSTS ASSESSED. If the City abates or removes the nuisance pursuant to Section 11, the City shall give notice to the owner or his or her agent by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the total cost of the abatement or removal incurred by the City. The notice shall also state that the payment is due within thirty (30) days following receipt of the notice. The City may also recover the cost of providing notice, including any postage, required by this section. The notice shall also state that if the cost of the removal or abatement is not paid with the thirty- (30)-day period, the cost of the abatement or removal shall be collected in the manner provided by K.S.A. 12-1,115, and amendments thereto, or shall be assessed as special assessments and charged against the lot or parcel of land on which the nuisance was located and the city clerk, at the time of certifying other city taxes, shall certify the unpaid portion of the costs and the county clerk shall extend the same on the tax rolls of the county against such lot or parcel of land and it shall be collected by the county treasurer and paid to the City as other city taxes are collected and paid.

SECTION 13. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official City newspaper.

Adopted and approved by the City Council, this 9th day of November 2015.

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

Haviland was treated to a real treat Wednesday A.M. when the Cozy Café opened its doors to the public. Jack Smith and William Moore, both of Pratt and real live restaurant men, have come to Haviland with their café to serve our people with "eats".

Haviland Review
May 24, 1917

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Wanted: Girl over 18 to do work in Cozy Café; wages \$25.00 per month.

Haviland Review
June 1917

Several carloads of Haviland and Wellsford people went to Pratt to see Babe Ruth.

Haviland Review
November 2, 1922

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Four unmasked bandits, who ate dinner in Haviland at the Dew Drop Inn, looted the Greensburg Bank and took about \$10,000.000.

Haviland Review
August 24, 1924

The Quaker Bonnet Shoppe, of which Mrs. Capitola Pyle Lanier is proprietress and which is located over the Phillips Hardware and Furniture Store, is making a good start, we understand.

Mrs. Lanier is a daughter of E.M. Pyle who lives south of town and she was born and reared here and many people are surprised to learn when they go to the Quaker Bonnet Shoppe that Mrs. Lanier is its owner and proprietress.

Haviland Review
March 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 December 15, 2015 from Well #1 had nitrate levels of 12 mg/L (which was down from last quarter), Well #2 was temporarily out of order due to the nitrate project improvements and a sample could not be taken, and Well #3 had nitrate levels of 16 mg/L (which is up from 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? Water System Improvements 2015 was given the notice to proceed beginning September 28, 2015 – Part 1-Water Well Improvements should be completed on or before Saturday, March 26, 2016; Part 2-Water Treatment Plant should be completed on or before Friday, June 24, 2016. Remember, that we do have an R/O unit attached to the fire station where you can get drinking water during this construction process.

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@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 16, 2016

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.

*** * * 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 (7) 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.

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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

“Progress may have been all right once, but in my opinion, it’s gone on far too long!”

“I’m getting so absent minded that I’m talking, and in the middle of a sentence I just.....”



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)
john.unruh@kiowacountyks.org
 - 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.

1927-1936

1927: Williams Grocery moved into the Carver Drug Store building where it stayed until 1964 (now the post office occupies the remodeled building).

1928: A tornado headed for Haviland suddenly veered a quarter mile to the south of town; the first Haviland Play Day was held with all the school districts in this part of the county invited; the YWCA was begun with 41 charter members.

1929: The electric light, heat and power system was transferred to the Rezeaus.

1930: The name of KCBTS was changed to Friends Bible College; the Farmers Co-op began supplying members with oil, fuel and tires; Haviland High School graduated its largest class – 18 boys and 18 girls; the town reached its peak population of 771.

1931: The Commercial Club was organized; the WCTU started a Loyal Temperance Legion Club for children.

1932: The Fankhauser Motor Co. was organized, selling Chevrolets for 36 years; the newly organized FBC Auxiliary held its first sale with 18 women present in the Flo Elliott home and raised “close to \$300”; the Thimble Club had its beginning.

1933: Charles Hathaway bought the Haviland Review.

1934-36: The high school reached its maximum enrollment of 122 students.

1935: The Friends Church celebrated its 50th anniversary.

1936: The Haviland Library was established as part of a three-branch county library sponsored by the Kiowa County Council of Clubs; the high school became a member of the North Central Association of Secondary Schools; the Senior Pollyanna Club was organized; another tornado passed just to the south of Haviland; the population was 656.



General Motors and Microsoft

At a recent computer expo, Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated: “If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving twenty-five dollar cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon.” In response to Bill’s comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: “Yes, but would you want your car to crash twice a day?” Then others added these comments:

- Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to stop and fail and you would have to re-install the engine. For some strange reason, you would accept this.
- You could only have one person in the car at a time, unless you bought Car95 or CarNT. But then you would have to buy more seats.
- Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast, twice as easy to drive, but would only run on five percent of the roads.
- The Macintosh car owners would get expensive Microsoft upgrades to their cars, which would make their cars run much slower.
- The airbag system would say are you sure? before going off.
- Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key, and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
- You’d press the “start” button to shut off the engine.



Trivia – Useful and Otherwise Famous Coincidences

Mark Twain came into the world with Halley’s Comet, and (just like he predicted) he went out with it as well. The periodic comet known as Halley’s Comet returns to Earth’s vicinity about every 75 years, give or take a bit due to the gravitational pull of the planets it passes. Back in the 18th century, English astronomer Edmond Halley concluded that reports of a comet appearing in 1531, 1607, and 1682 actually referred to the same comet returning in periodic intervals; he predicted the comet’s reappearance in 1758 (though he died before the prediction came true). Halley’s Comet was in the skies again when the celebrated author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, was born on November 30, 1835 in Florida, Missouri. By 1909, 74 years had passed, and Twain offered a prediction that his own death would—like his own birth—coincide with the comet’s appearance. He was quoted as saying: “It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if I don’t go out with Halley’s Comet. The Almighty has said, no doubt, ‘Now here are these two unaccountable freaks; they came in together, they must go out together.’”

As it happened, Twain died of a heart attack on April 21, 1910—the day after Halley’s Comet emerged from the far side of the Sun. The comet’s appearance proved particularly spectacular that year for other reasons as well: It passed only about 13.9 million miles from Earth, or about 1/15 the distance between Earth and the Sun; and for the first time, the comet’s passage was captured on camera. Halley’s Comet appeared most recently in 1986, and is scheduled to enter our skies again in 2061.

Things You Didn’t Know About the Old West

The Long Branch Saloon of “Gunsmoke” fame really did exist in Dodge City—and still does. Sort of. Anyone who watched the television show “Gunsmoke” growing up is well acquainted with Miss Kitty’s Long Branch Saloon of Dodge City, Kansas. What viewers may not have realized is that the Long Branch really did exist. No one knows exactly what year it was established, but the original saloon burned down in the great Front Street fire of 1885. The saloon was later resurrected and now serves as a tourist attraction featuring a reproduction bar with live entertainment. According to the Boot Hill museum, the original Long Branch Saloon served milk, tea, lemonade, sarsaparilla, alcohol and beer. Marshal Matt Dillon and Festus sporting milk mustaches? Now there’s a storyline.

Would-Be U.S. States

Sequoyah—The plan to form the state of Sequoyah began in the early 1900s during a meeting of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Chickasaw and Seminole Native American nations. At the time, the eastern part of what would later become Oklahoma encompassed the Indian Territory, a region populated by some 60,000 indigenous people. In 1905 the nations held a convention in Muskogee, where they drafted a proposal to turn the Oklahoma and Indian Territories into two individual states. Their new state, dubbed Sequoyah after the creator of the Cherokee writing system, had a proposed 48 counties and represented an attempt to maintain some degree of Native American self-governance over the Indian Territory.

The proposed constitution was expansive and included many progressive ideas, including anti-trust laws and restrictions on child labor. Still, it ultimately failed in the U.S. Congress, which balked at adding two new western states. Instead, the Indian Territory was incorporated into the new state of Oklahoma in 1907. Nevertheless, many of Sequoyah’s principles lived on. Several states directly copied its constitution’s novel ethics laws, and the Cherokee nation continues to call its yearly conference on Native American issues the State of Sequoyah.

Common Sayings With Historical Origins

“White Elephant” – White elephants were once considered highly sacred creatures in Thailand—the animal even graced the national flag until 1917—but they were also wielded as a subtle form of punishment. According to legend, if an underling or rival angered a Siamese king, the royal might present the unfortunate man with the gift of a white elephant. While ostensibly a reward, the creatures were tremendously expensive to feed and house, and caring for one often drove the recipient into financial ruin. Whether any specific rulers actually bestowed such a passive-aggressive gift is uncertain, but the term has since come to refer to any burdensome possession—pachyderm or otherwise.



101 Things Husbands Do To Annoy Their Wives

#73 – He dominates the remote control.

Explanation: Men like anything with buttons, knobs, and switches. Car manufacturers know this. The remote control has buttons that make things happen. This gives him a sense of power. For anyone else to have possession of the remote control (especially his wife) means that he is *not* in control.



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