



City Clips



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* * * Mayor's Musings * * *

Well it's January of a new year with a new President taking office on the 20th. I hope we can look forward to some improvement in the state of the nation.

I occasionally get complaints about people speeding and running stop signs. In the December 21st issue of the Kiowa County Signal the Greensburg City Council has been discussing the same problem in their last three meetings. There have been requests for stop signs at various intersections and speed limit signs to slow speeders down.

Greensburg City Administrator Kyler Ludwig presented studies that show "stop signs do not control speeds. MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) standard's research shows putting up unwarranted stop signs might be more dangerous to children in the area". That's what it said. I question the value of all these studies the taxpayer gets to pay for. One council member said, "Speed display boards had been proven to be effective". True or not these things are astronomically expensive. We could afford one of these things if we gave out tickets to everyone that speeds on Main Street.

As I am sure you are aware, the speed limit in all cities in Kansas is 30 miles per hour unless otherwise posted. In my opinion 30 mph is too fast for our residential district with so many "almost blind" corners. I think we should make the speed limit 20 mph all over town and take down all the stop signs except at Highway 54. The yield signs at Main Street work fine. Maybe we should put yield signs on the streets that cross the street going to the school since almost no one yields to the vehicle on their right going to and from the school.

I know I am preaching to the choir here. The people I am talking to don't read this stuff that I write so the bottom line is you have to drive for everyone else. Remember at an unmarked intersection you are required to yield to the vehicle on your right. I see people daily going through intersections at high speed and not looking either way. When you get two of these people there at the same time, you have a crash.

Y'all be careful now.

Robert Ellis, Mayor

Water Rate Increase in January

This should be the final increase on the water for hopefully a long, long time.

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, 2017 (1st billing date will be January 31, 2017).

- 1) For the first two thousand gallons (2,000) of water, or portions thereof: thirty dollars (\$30.00);
- 2) For the next ten thousand gallons (10,000) of water, or portions thereof: four dollars (\$4.00) per each one thousand gallons (1,000);
- 3) For all water in excess of twelve thousand gallons (12,000): four dollars and twenty-five cents (\$4.25) per each one thousand gallons (1,000).

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!

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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

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Dwight Smitherman Matt Ballard
Kay Unruh Steve Larsh

Tom Taylor

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Joel Halverstadt, Code/Animal
Enforcement Officer



Adolescence is when you think you'll live forever. Middle age is when you wonder how you've lasted so long. 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊

"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, Reno County Commissioner Holiday, 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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Water and Windmills

In the early days water was hauled from Dowell (Wellsford) four miles distant. Soon a town well was dug in the center of the crossroads on Main Street, which later had to be filled when the rock Island track was laid. Another well, 36" across, was then located a block north. Water was drawn with ropes and buckets and emptied into a trough. Jugs were filled and livestock watered for travelers. When its usefulness was completed, a circular bandstand was built around the well.

Local well service men had begun drilling and erecting windmills with A.M. Cox active in this area. In 1898 the Bryant Brothers (John and Bill), having located 500 wells between Pratt and Bucklin, continued their work locally. Edward Rinkel later offered water well service.

For many years Haviland was known as the "City of Windmills", because of having more according to its population than any other town in Kansas. When the city water system was installed in 1925, the windmills began disappearing from the town's skyline.

Mini Minutes

Complete minutes at www.haviglandks.com

October 10, 2016

Public Hearing on Street Assessments – Five property owners were present for the public hearing regarding the 2015 Street Project.

Street Project – *Matt motioned to approve Ordinance No. 368 levying special assessments on street improvements. Tom seconded. Unanimous.*

Debit/Credit Payments – *Dwight motioned to contract with KanPay for debit/credit payments, providing that the city can opt out if not satisfied. Matt seconded. Unanimous.*

Water/Sewer Certification – *Dwight motioned to compensate Wes Jantz water, sewer and trash each month for retaining his water certification. Matt seconded. Unanimous.*

Municipal Judge – Council reviewed Ann Dixson's letter of resignation as municipal judge.

November 14, 2016

Street Project – *Tom motioned to pass Resolution No. 112 authorizing the sale of bonds. Kay seconded. Unanimous.*

Water Project – *Tom motioned to raise the cost of bulk water to \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. Dwight seconded. Unanimous.*

Barclay College Fireworks Request – *Kay motioned to approve the Barclay College fireworks request for "Campus of Lights" on November 28. Steve seconded. Unanimous.*

December 12, 2016

Robin Rose – *Steve motioned to purchase a saw for the fire department for metal roofs. Tom seconded. Unanimous.*

Street Project – *Tom motioned to pass Ordinance No. 369 authorizing the sale/issuance of bonds for the street project. Steve seconded. Unanimous.*

Dwight motioned to adopt Resolution No. 113 regarding the terms and details of the bonds. Tom seconded. Unanimous.

Tom motioned to accept the Dissemination Agent Designation and Service Agreement with Ranson Financial Consultants for one year at \$1,000.00. Dwight seconded. Unanimous.

Water Project – *Tom motioned to approve APAC Final Pay Estimate No. 10 in the amount of \$14,234.00. Dwight seconded. Unanimous.*

Dwight motioned to approve Certificate of Substantial Completion. Tom seconded. Unanimous.

Dwight motioned to approve Change Order No. 3. Tom seconded. Unanimous.

Wage Review – *Dwight motioned that the 2016 bonuses be the same as 2015. Tom seconded. Unanimous. Dwight motioned that all wages remain the same as 2016, with the exception of a 40¢ per hour raise for Shari. Tom seconded. Unanimous.*

Kiowa County Senior Center

The Kiowa County Senior Center has a board vacancy. The board term is a 3-year commitment. If you are interested in serving on our board, or need more details please contact Kari at 620-518-0758. The meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in Greensburg at the Senior Center. To be eligible you need to be 55 years of age or older, and participate regularly in the activities at the Senior Center.

Publishing of Ordinances and Resolutions

We are required to publish all a summary of all new ordinances and certain 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.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 368

On October 10, 2016, the governing body of the City of Haviland, Kansas passed an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON CERTAIN PROPERTY TO PAY THE COSTS OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS, AS HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 100 AND 106; AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

The Ordinance levies special assessments on certain properties located in the City of Haviland, Kansas, which have been benefited from certain internal improvements constructed pursuant to K.S.A. 12-6a01 *et seq.* and provides an opportunity for prepayment, in whole or in part, of said special assessments. A schedule of the amounts of said special assessments and the property benefited are attached to the Ordinance. Any amount of special assessments not paid within the time prescribed in the Ordinance shall be certified by the City Clerk to the Clerk of Kiowa County, Kansas, in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes are certified and will be collected in annual installments, together with interest on such amounts at a rate not exceeding the maximum rate therefore as prescribed by law. A complete text of the Ordinance may be obtained or viewed free of charge at the office of the City Clerk, 109 N. main, Haviland, Kansas 67059-0264. A reproduction of the Ordinance is available for not less than 7 days following the publication date of this Summary at www.havilandks.com.

This Summary is hereby certified to be legally accurate and sufficient pursuant to the laws of the State of Kansas.

DATED: October 10, 2016

Stephen Brown, City Attorney

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 369

On December 12, 2016, the governing body of the City of Haviland, Kansas passed an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017, OF THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The Series 2017 Bonds approved by the Ordinance are being issued in the principal amount of \$1,253,000, to finance certain internal improvements in the City, and constitute general obligations of the City payable as to both principal and interest, to the extent necessary, from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the City. A complete text of the Ordinance may be obtained or viewed free of charge at the office of the City Clerk, 109 N. Main, Haviland, Kansas 67059. A reproduction of the Ordinance is available for not less than 7 days following the publication date of this Summary at www.havilandks.com.

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DATED: December 12, 2016

Stephen Brown, City Attorney

Clowns

The clowns in the picture in the last newsletter were Dorothy Southard, Carol Baker and Dolores Williams. The \$5.00 gift certificate to Haviland Hardware went to Jayci Smitherman who was the first to identify two of the three correctly. No one identified all three.

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

Who says Haviland is going downhill? Main Street is to be hard surfaced. We have a new town clock and the weed patch is being plowed up to get rid of the unsightly weeds. No, Haviland is going ahead.

Haviland Review
April 17, 1947

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Postmaster Harold Bennett gives us this cheery reminder for 1963: First-class postage rates go up to five cents next Monday; post cards go to four cents at the same time.

Haviland Journal
January 3, 1963

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The city of Haviland is sponsoring a band that will give concerts on the streets Saturday evenings as soon as it can be whipped into shape by Harold Phillips who will be the instructor and leader. All those interested in becoming a member meet at the high school building next Thursday evening June 16, at 7:45.

Haviland Review
June 9, 1938

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We hear the Haviland wolf hunt was a failure, don't see why. Haviland has more dogs in it than any town going.

Haviland Tribune
January 26, 1888

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H. D. White has notified the local merchants that all stores must close at 6:00 p.m. hereafter in order to save coal.

Haviland Onlooker, January 17, 1918

While crossing the Cyrus Miller ranch south of town Saturday the county road men 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 the construction of these tanks is that they may be shot through without causing a leak.

Haviland Review
August 3, 1944

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The Haviland Friends sod church was built in an early day before the town of Haviland was laid out. Its location was near the cemetery one mile north of town. Here Friends worshipped for eight years until the Academy building was finished in which the meeting was held for 12 years until 1905 when the present church building was dedicated.

Haviland Review
June 13, 1935

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An organized group of rabbit catchers equipped with large nets to stretch around the field are 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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Playing at croquet seems to be the main source of enjoyment among the young people these days.

Haviland Tribune, April 26, 1888

A bootlegger from Pratt was caught selling booze during Booster Days in Haviland. He was up for selling liquid lightning and the presumption is that it is pretty hot stuff from the way some of the boys were trying to cool off.

Haviland Onlooker
August 16, 1912

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

Haviland Review, March 1929

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

F. B. Bradley

Haviland Review
March 17, 1927

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The swallow which has been nesting atop the lamp globe in the doorway of McShane Hardware seems to be getting real motherly. I don't know what's in the nest, but whatever it is should be nice and warm.

Haviland Journal, July 23, 1959

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The town basketball teams are the Greybeards and the Pizzlewinks.

Haviland Review, January 3, 1935

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! ******

Nisy 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.

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.

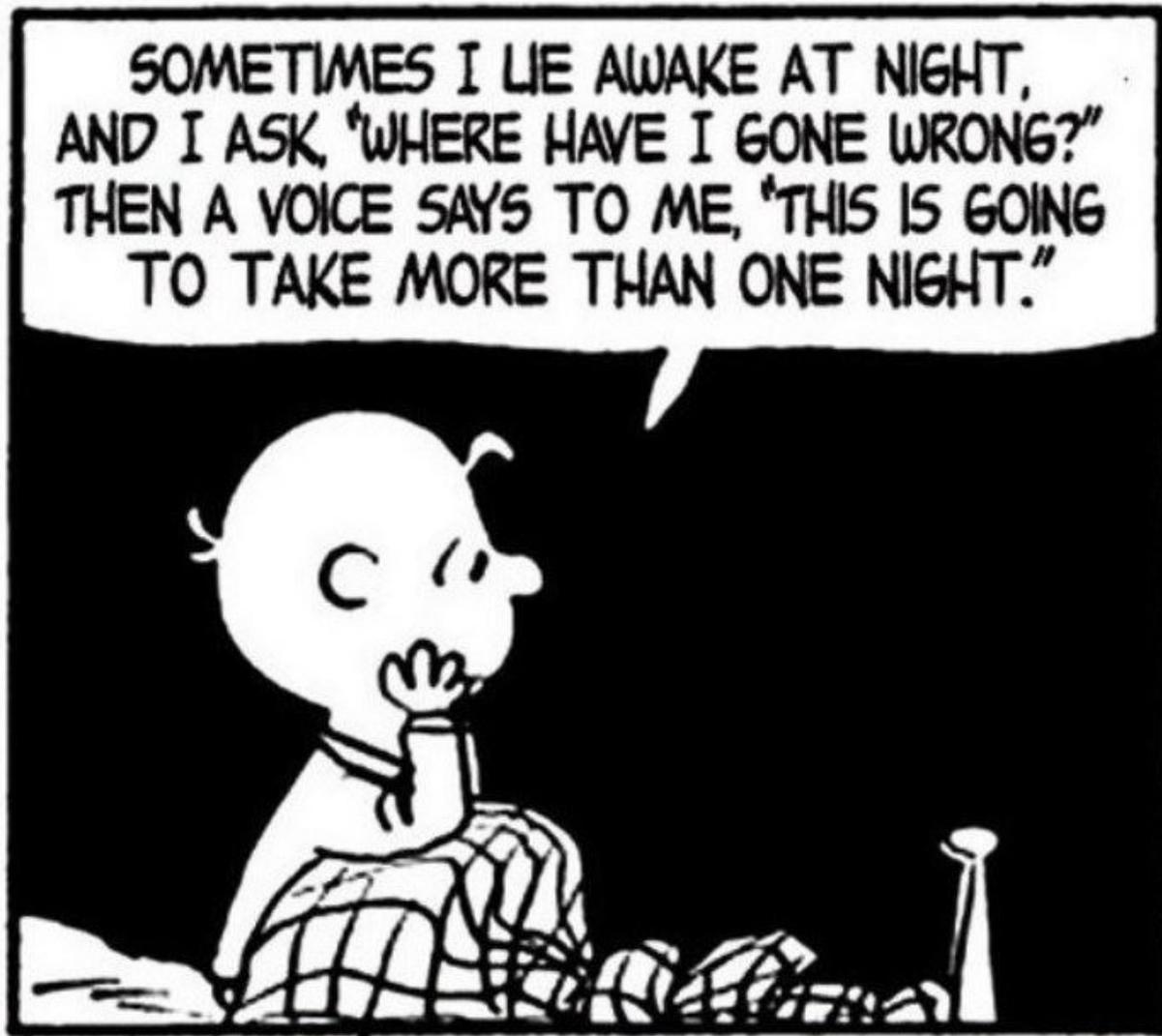
City Utility Bill

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) business 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 Happenings”

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

1970-1979

1970: The last issue of the Haviland Journal was published before being consolidated with The Kiowa County Signal; the Booster Club began its Booster of the Year selection; the city began adding a storm sewer, paving, curb and gutter work (completed in 1973).

1971: The city combined its water and sewage departments; a big snowstorm hit the community; Friends dedicated their new parsonage.

1972: Floyd Ferguson moved his Fina Service from Wellsford to the former Phillips 66 station operated by Jay Burns; Siesta Home #3, now Cedar Crest, was built.

1973: Herman and Lucille Jacks sold the Haviland Fruit Market to their son, Gene.

1974: The Haviland Art Club was formally organized; Friends Bible College gained full accreditation from the American Association of Bible Colleges after 20 years as an associate member; the hardware was sold to Arthur Coggins.

1975: Cable-Vision Services was brought to this small town by David and Ruth Smitherman.

1976: District #474 moved its office into the former post office location on Walnut; Reta Evans opened her beauty shop, The Hairbender, at the north edge of town; with the rest of the nation Haviland enjoyed the special events celebrating our country's bicentennial year.

1977: Haviland lost its drug store, and the building was sold; the monthly Senior Citizens Carry-in Dinners were begun at the United Methodist Church; the “dump” north of town as closed and house-to-house trash pickup was begun by the county; mercury vapor street lamps were replaced; Wes Jantz was hired as City Superintendent and City Marshal.

1978: A special program marked the 50th anniversary of Play Day; the high school girls choral group sang at the Kansas Music Educators' Association convention; Worden Memorial Library was built at FBC; the McAfees formally established T & S Sound after being asked to do the sound for the Miss Kansas Pageant at Pratt.

1979: After three years working in Haviland as a builder, Ron Kendall named his business RK Contracting; the entire HHS choir performed at the KMEA convention; Dwight Smitherman became the owner-operator of Smitherman TV Service; a new satellite receiver system was added to the cable system; the Banco Insurance Agency was incorporated to carry on the business of the Dunbar and Matthews Insurance Agency; the security patrol was discontinued after two years; Clark's Machine Shop moved to Haviland from Greensburg.

Question Me This

- If a pig loses its voice is it disgruntled?
- Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as 4's?
- Why is it that if someone tells you there are 1 billion stars in the universe you will believe them, but if they tell you the plate is hot you have to touch it to make sure?
- What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
- If #2 pencils are so popular, why are they still #2?

Resurrected Rabbit

A man was driving along the highway, and saw a rabbit hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the rabbit, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of the car and was hit. The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the rabbit.

Much to his dismay, the rabbit was dead. The driver felt so awful, he began to cry. A woman driving down the highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong.

“I feel terrible,” he explained, “I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it.”

The woman told the man not to worry. She knew what to do. She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, dead rabbit, and sprayed the contents of the can onto the rabbit.

Miraculously the rabbit came to life, jumped up, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped down the road. 50 meters away the rabbit stopped, turned around, waved and hopped down the road, another 50 meters, turned, waved and hopped another 50 meters. The man was astonished. He couldn't figure out what substance could be in the woman's spray can!!

He ran over to the woman and demanded, “What is in your spray can? What did you spray on the rabbit?”

The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said: “Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.”

I spend three minutes every day choosing a TV channel to leave on for my dog. Then I go to work, and people take me seriously as an adult.

Trivia – Useful and Otherwise Famous Coincidences

“Miss Unsinkable” Violet Jessop was on board three gigantic sister ships (Titanic, Olympic and Britannic) when disaster struck them, and lived to tell the tale. Born in Argentina to Irish immigrants, Jessop left convent school back in Britain after her mother, a stewardess on the Royal Mail Line, became ill. To provide for her family, the 21-year-old became a ship stewardess as well, working on the Royal Mail Line before moving on to the White Star Line. Locked in competition with Cunard for the transatlantic passenger market, White Star launched its trio of gigantic luxury liners, the Olympic, the Titanic and the Britannic, in 1911. Jessop was serving aboard the Olympic that September, during its fifth commercial voyage, when the liner collided with the HMS Hawke near the Isle of Wight, in southern England. (It was later determined that suction from the Olympic had pulled the Hawke directly into the ocean liner.) Jessop then made the move to the Titanic in time for the “unsinkable” ship’s maiden voyage in April 1912, when it sailed out of Southampton enroute to New York City. She later wrote in her memoirs of the unforgettable night of April 14-15, when the ship hit an iceberg and sank, taking some 1,500 people along with it. Jessop helped other women and children into lifeboats before climbing into one herself; one of the ship’s officers placed a bundled-up baby on her lap. After eight hours on the lifeboat, a ship called the Carpathia rescued Jessop and the others, and a frantic woman (whom Jessop assumed was the baby’s mother) snatched the infant from her arms.

The third White Star ship, the Britannic, was requisitioned as a hospital ship after World War I broke out. Remarkably, Jessop—by then a nurse in the British Red Cross—was serving aboard the Britannic in November 1916, when the ship struck a mine planted by a German U-boat in the Aegean Sea. Though the explosion caused extensive damage, and the Britannic sank less than an hour later, only 30 people died. More than 1,000 others were saved—including “Miss Unsinkable” herself. Jessop continued working cruise ships after the war, eventually compiling a 42-year career at sea before her retirement. She died in 1971.

Things You Didn’t Know About the Old West

One pivotal Civil War battle was fought in an unlikely place: New Mexico. In a bold move designed to fill revel coffers with Cripple Creek gold, Confederate General Henry Hopkins Sibley invaded New Mexico Territory from the south in early 1862, believing he could march right up the Rio Grande and take Colorado. Unbeknownst to Sibley, however, the First Regiment of Volunteers in Colorado caught wind of the scheme and marched 400 miles south in just 13 days to join the Yankees at Fort Union, near Santa Fe. Instead of a cakewalk, Sibley’s forces wound up fighting what many historians call the “Gettysburg of the West.” After just two days of skirmishing, Union troops—probably relying on local ranchers as guides—outflanked the Confederates and burned their supply train. After that, it was a long, slow march back to Texas for the rebels, who never returned.

Would-Be U.S. States

Jefferson – The audacious scheme to form the state of Jefferson began in 1941 when a group of copper mining counties in northern California and southern Oregon grew fed up with insufficient government funding for their highways. In a slightly tongue-in-cheek gesture, the residents of the area convened to form a new state. A newspaper contest led to the name Jefferson, and the group went so far as to elect a judge named John Childs as its first governor. They even adopted a state flag emblazoned with a large “XX”—a reference to the double-crossing politics that had led to their secession. In a show of Jefferson pride, a group of men armed with hunting rifles blockaded the highway between Oregon and California and gave bewildered motorists a flyer that read: “You are now entering Jefferson.”

Unfortunately for the aspiring Jeffersonians, other events ultimately overshadowed their act of secession. Just three days after Judge Childs’ inauguration on December 4, 1941—which was accompanied by a parade and widespread media coverage—the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. In the ensuing buildup to World War II, plans for the new state of Jefferson fell by the wayside.

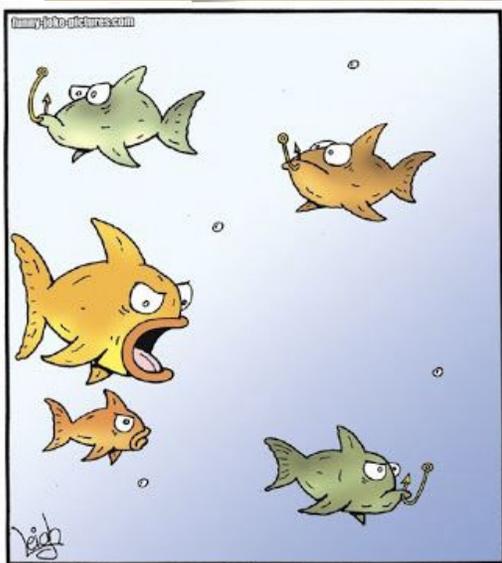
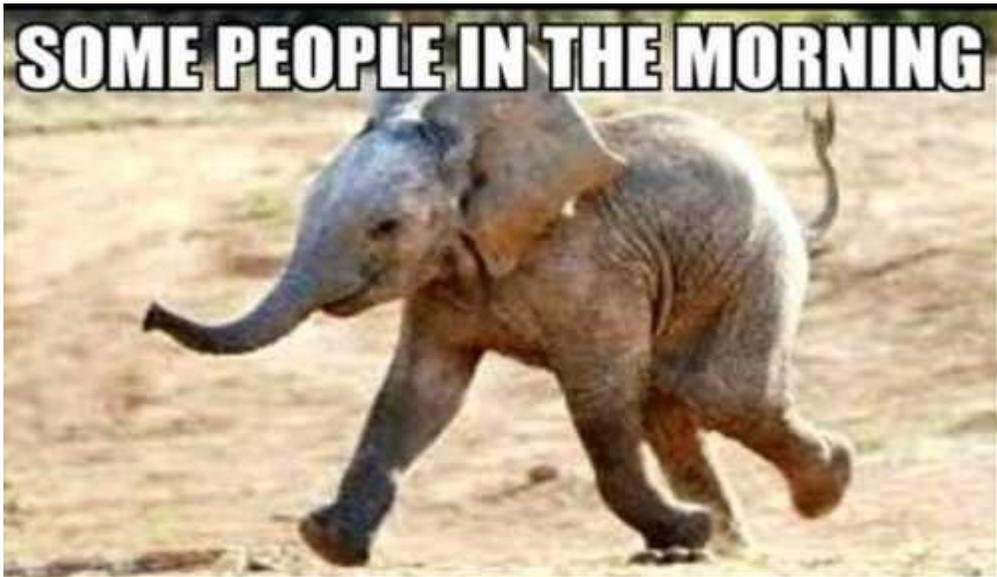
Unusual Ancient Medical Techniques

Mercury – Mercury is notorious for its toxic properties, but it was once used as a common elixir and topical medicine. The ancient Persians and Greeks considered it a useful ointment, and second-century Chinese alchemists prized liquid mercury, or “quicksilver,” and red mercury sulfide for their supposed ability to increase lifespan and vitality. Some healers even promised that by consuming noxious brews containing poisonous mercury, sulfur and arsenic, their patients would gain eternal life and the ability to walk on water. One of the most famous casualties of this diet was the Chinese Emperor Qin Shi Huang, who supposedly died after ingesting mercury pills designed to make him immortal.

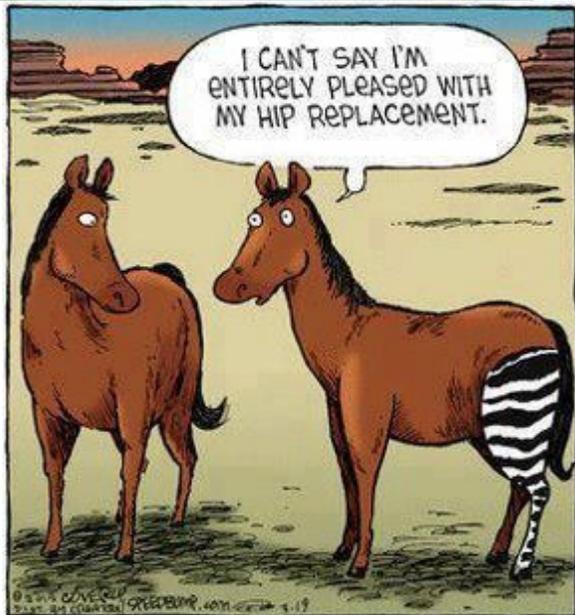


After a talking sheepdog gets all the sheep in the pen, he reports back to the farmer: “All 40 accounted for.” “But I only have 36 sheep,” says the farmer. “I know,” says the sheepdog. “but I rounded them up.”





"I don't care what all the other kids are doing, you're *not* getting your lip pierced!"



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