



City Clips



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* * * Mayor's Musings * * *

Happy New Year. This is the year of city elections for mayor and two city council members. The deadline to sign up for any of these positions is noon, June 3, 2019. If you are interested in one of these positions, this is your golden opportunity.

I am well satisfied with the way things are going with the city. We have an excellent slate of employees doing the tasks of the city. We have divided the jobs among several people so I will go down the list and tell you who they are and what they are doing.

Shari McAfee is the city clerk and is doing an excellent job. The job becomes increasingly more difficult with each passing year. Millie Hannan is the city treasurer and has to check and approve all invoices before she signs the checks. Carol fast takes care of cleaning the city hall and the water plant building plus the restrooms in both these buildings and the city park restrooms in the summer for the wading pool. Sheri Elliott keeps Main Street looking great the year around.

Steve Larsh takes care of the water treatment plant, which takes the nitrates out of the water. And after a steep learning curve he has mastered the operation of the plant. It is a very complex contraption. Dan Woods has taken over the operation of the sewer system and has cleaned the sewer lines for the entire city. He does many more things, such as keeping the burn pile in shape. Gene Pickard helps Dan with maintenance of equipment and has helped Dan with the rodding of the sewers. Gene also reads the water meters once a month and takes water samples daily. In the summer he does most of the mowing.

Pake McCarley runs the grader and keeps up the streets that are unpaved. Joel Halverstadt is the compliance officer/dog catcher. His telephone number is: 620 388-5634.

I think we have a great team and I will back every one of them.

At the end of this year I will be drifting off into the sunset so when I'm gone the council will do what they see fit without interference from me. My advice is that this way of operating is working so I would recommend they keep on with the current plan.

In addition to me bowing out, Tom Taylor has moved to Greensburg so we have 60 days to replace him on the council. Michelle Murray is also moving at the end February so we will need someone to take over her slot. The council has approved and sworn into office Linda Simmons to fill the remainder of Tom's term, which ends the second Monday in January 2020. Council has approved Aaron Stokes to fill the remainder of Michelle's term, which ends the second Monday in January 2022. Aaron will be sworn in at the March 11, 2019 meeting.

I will end this as usual with "yield to the person on your right" and **"SLOW DOWN"**.

Robert Ellis

Trash Cost Increase

The cost for residential trash increased from \$13.00 per month to \$13.50 per month beginning with the January 31, 2019 billing. The business contracts had a small increase as well. These costs will remain the same for 2019 and 2020.

Coming in April
Pet Clinic and Clean-Up Day
More Information in Next "City Clips"

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 1:00 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 email 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, precipitation for the day, and barometric pressure. Try it out!



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 862-5317 or Mayor Ellis at 862-5678. 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

Kay Unruh Brooke Starnes
Steve Larsh Linda Simmons

Aaron Stokes (Pending)

Personnel

Shari McAfee, City Clerk
Dan Woods/Gene Pickard,
Maintenance

Millie Hannan, City Treasurer
Joel Halverstadt, Code/Animal
Enforcement Officer



After looking through my bills, I think I can make it through the rest of the month if I don't eat or turn anything on.



"J" Turns

"J" turns continue to be a problem on Main Street. There are 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.

Nisly is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's 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/Trash

The Kiowa County Solid Waste Department now has four recycle bins located south of the Barclay College shop on N. Lawrence St. 24/7; two for cardboard and one for single stream. **THESE THREE ARE FOR RECYCLE ITEMS ONLY, NO TRASH!** The fourth is for trash.

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Ticklers

- Math anxiety: an intense lifelong fear of two trains approaching each other at speeds of 60 to 80 mph.
- Diplomacy is the art of skating on thin ice without getting into deep water.
- A mosquito is like a kid. When he stops making noise, he's into something.
- How can you get four suits for a dollar? Buy a deck of cards!
- If a long dress is evening wear, what is a suit of armor? Silverware?
- He who hesitates is not only lost, but miles from the next exit.
- The closest to perfection a person ever comes is when he fills out a job application.
- The faster the plane, the narrower the seats.
- Why does quicksand work slowly?
- If you're not living life on the edge, you're taking up way too much room.



Mini Minutes

Complete minutes at www.havilandks.com

October 8, 2018

The September 10, 2018 minutes and the October bills were approved. The council discussed an ordinance requiring backflow prevention devices on new homes or when replacing sewer lines.

November 12, 2018

The October 8, 2018 minutes and the November bills were approved.

Brooke motioned to close the petty cash checking account and allow Shari to get a credit card for the city. Steve seconded. Unanimous.

The council made proposed changes to the mobile home ordinance, which will be approved at the December meeting.

December 10, 2018

The November 12, 2018 minutes and the December bills were approved.

Kay motioned to pass the updated Mobile Home Ordinance No. 372. Michelle seconded. Unanimous.

Kay motioned to give employees 2% of their annual pay as a Christmas bonus. Brooke seconded. Unanimous.

Brooke motioned to keep all wages the same for 2019. Michelle seconded. Motioned passed 3-0 with 1 abstention.

Michelle Murray motioned to change Joel Halverstadt's wages from \$25.00 per hour to a \$1,000.00 per month salary beginning with the January 31, 2019 payroll. Brooke seconded. Unanimous.

Steve motioned to give the \$150 fireworks permit fee paid by Barclay College for their Campus of Lights program to the fire department. Kay seconded. Unanimous.

November 5, 2019 Election

The City of Haviland will have three positions on the November 5, 2019 ballot. Those positions are mayor and two council members.

If you are interested in serving the community of Haviland as a council member or as mayor, you must file at the County Clerk's office in the Kiowa County Courthouse in Greensburg. A filing fee of \$20.00 is required.

The deadline for filing is Monday, June 3, 2019 at 12:00 noon.

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.

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.



Pillsbury Doughboy Obituary

It is with saddest heart that we must pass on the following news. Please join us in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community.

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a *yeast* infection and complications from repeated *pokes in the belly*. He was 71. Doughboy was buried in a *lightly greased pan*.

Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch.

The gravesite was piled high with *flours*. Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was *kneaded*.

Doughboy *rose* quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with *turnovers*. He was not considered a very 'smart' *cookie*, wasting much of his *dough* on *half-baked* schemes.

Despite being a little *flaky* at times, he still as a *crusty* old man was considered a *roll* model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife, Play Dough; two children, John Dough and Jane Dough; plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.



Montana Grizzly Bear Notice...

In light of the rising frequency of human/grizzly bear conflicts, the Montana Department of Fish and Game is advising hikers, hunters, and fishermen to take extra precautions and keep alert for bears while in the field.

"We advise that outdoorsmen wear noisy little bells on their clothing so as not to startle bears that aren't expecting them. We also advise outdoorsmen to carry pepper spray with them in case of an encounter with a bear. It is also a good idea to watch out for fresh signs of bear activity. Outdoorsmen should recognize the difference between black bear and grizzly bear poop. Black bear poop is small and contains lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear poop has little bells in it and smells like pepper."



Trivia – Useful and Otherwise

Epic Family Feuds

Adolf and Rudolf Dassler – After the Dassler brothers started a shoe company out of their mother’s home in the 1920s in Herzogenaurach, Germany their business got a big boost when U.S. track-and-field gold medallist Jesse Owens sported the Dassler’s footwear at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. However, for reasons that remain a mystery, the siblings’ relationship soured. In the late 1940s, the tensions between the Dasslers led them to launch competing athletic shoe manufacturers: Adolf dubbed his Adidas (from his nickname, “Adi,” and the first three letters of his last name) while Rudolf’s became known as Puma (he initially called it “Ruda,” based on letters from his first and last name). The brothers constructed factories on opposite sides of the river in Herzogenaurach, and the rivalry grew so intense that some local shops catered solely to Adidas or Puma employees and it was frowned upon for a worker from one company to wed someone from the other firm.

Things You May Not Know About the Trail of Tears

Renegade Cherokees signed a treaty selling all tribal lands. John Ross, who was of Scottish and Cherokee ancestry and became the tribe’s principal chief in 1828, was strongly opposed to giving up the Cherokees’ ancestral lands, as were the majority of the Cherokee people. However, a small group within the tribe believed it was inevitable that white settlers would keep encroaching on their lands and therefore the only way to preserve Cherokee culture and survive as a tribe was to move west. In 1835, while Ross was away, this minority faction signed a treaty at New Echota, the Cherokee Nation capital (located in Georgia), agreeing to sell the U.S. government all tribal lands in the east in exchange for \$5 million and new land in the west. As part of the agreement, the government was supposed to help cover the Cherokees’ moving costs and pay to support them during their first year in Indian Territory. When Ross found out about the treaty, he argued it had been made illegally. Nevertheless, in 1836 it was ratified by a single vote in the U.S. Senate and signed by President Jackson. The treaty gave the Cherokees two years to vacate their lands. In June 1839, after the Cherokees had been forced to relocate to Indian Territory, several leaders of the so-called Treaty Party, who had advocated for the New Echota agreement, were assassinated by tribe members who had opposed removal to the west.

Famous Child Prodigies

Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz – Born in Mexico in 1651, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz learned to read as a toddler and quickly blazed through all the books in her grandfather’s library. Despite being denied a formal education because of her gender, she began writing religious poetry at age eight and later taught herself Latin, supposedly mastering it in just 20 lessons. By her adolescence, she had also studied Greek logic and learned an Aztec language called Nahuatl. Juana’s reputation for genius later won her a place as a lady-in-waiting at the viceroy’s court in Mexico City. When she was 17, she was famously tested by a panel of 40 university professors, all of whom were shocked by her deep knowledge of philosophy, mathematics and history. The former child prodigy entered a convent at age 20 and spent the rest of her life as a cloistered nun. She continued her studies, however, and eventually established herself as one of the 17th century’s most popular authors of drama, poetry and prose. Her image now appears on the 200-peso bill in Mexico.

Mysterious Underground Cities

Wieliczka Salt Mine – Also known as the “Underground Salt Cathedral,” Poland’s Wieliczka Salt mine is a massive subterranean complex of rooms, passageways and statues located on the outskirts of Krakow. The site dates to the 1200s, when miners first descended beneath the earth’s surface to find rock salt. In the centuries that followed, they slowly carved the mine into a warren of galleries and tunnels that extended more than 1,000 feet underground. When they weren’t digging for “white gold,” the workers also used the mine’s salt crystal deposits to build a stunning collection of chapels, chandeliers, statues and bas reliefs, including a detailed replica of Da Vinci’s “The Last Supper.” The Wieliczka mine stopped producing salt in 2007 after some 700 years in operation, but it remains a popular tourist attraction in Poland. It’s also home to a health spa that touts the therapeutic properties of the mine’s salt-rich microclimate.

Civilizations that Mysteriously Collapsed

Maya – Arguably the New World’s most advanced pre-Columbian civilization, the Maya carved large stone cities into the jungles of southern Mexico and Central America, complete with elaborate plazas, palaces, pyramid-temples and ball courts. Known for their hieroglyphic writing, as well as their calendar-making, mathematics, astronomy and architecture skills, the Maya reached the peak of their influence during the so-called Classic Period, from around A.D. 250 to A.D. 900, but at the end of the Classic Period, in one of history’s great enigmas, the populace suddenly deposed its kings, abandoned the cities and ceased with technological innovation. Dozens of theories have been put forth to explain what happened. Some historians, for instance, point to a major drought, exacerbated by deforestation and soil erosion, as the impetus for the societal collapse, while others put the blame on a disease epidemic, a peasant revolt against an increasingly corrupt ruling class, constant warfare among the various city-states, a breakdown of trade routes or some combination thereof. Though dispersed, the Maya never disappeared. Millions of their Mayan-speaking descendants continue to inhabit the region to this day.

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, cats, raccoons, skunks, armadillos, possums, or other critters running loose, please call Joel at 620-388-5634.

Debit/Credit Cards

We now accept debit/credit cards at the office (not by phone) for your monthly water/sewer/trash bill.

Presidential Trivia

1. Woodrow Wilson is the only president buried in Washington, D.C. He is interred at Washington National Cathedral.
2. Warren G. Harding was the first president to speak over the radio. He was the first newspaper publisher to be elected to the presidency. He also had the largest feet of any president, size 14.
3. Calvin Coolidge lit the first national Christmas tree in 1923 on the White House lawn. He also refused to use the telephone while he was in office.
4. Herbert Hoover approved "The Star Spangled Banner" as the national anthem and was the first president born west of the Mississippi River, born in West Branch, Iowa.
5. Franklin D. Roosevelt is the only American president to serve four terms.
6. Harry S. Truman was the first president to give a speech on television and the first to travel underwater in a submarine.
7. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who commanded Allied troops during the D-Day invasion of France in 1944, was the only president to serve in both WWI and WWII.
8. John F. Kennedy was the first Roman Catholic president, the first president born in the 20th century and the first president to hold a press conference on television. At age 43, he also was the youngest American elected president, and, at 46, the youngest to die in office.
9. Before becoming a politician, Lyndon B. Johnson was a high school teacher in Texas.
10. Richard Nixon was the first president to visit all 50 states, the first president to visit China and the only U.S. president to resign.
11. Gerald R. Ford, who once worked as a fashion model, became vice president and president without being elected to either office.
12. At age 69, Ronald W. Reagan became the oldest person, and the first actor, ever elected U.S. President.



One old curmudgeon loved to tell the story of his 68-year-old brother who, as his final circus act, shot himself out of a cannon four times larger than any cannon ever used before. "Good grief!" exclaimed his friend. "How did he withstand the shock of that?" "I don't know," said the old-timer. "They haven't found him yet."



Random Trivia

1. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? Their birthplace
2. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested? Obsession
3. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you go until you find the letter "A"? One thousand
4. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? They all were invented by women.
5. What day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year? Father's Day

* * * Note From the Editor * * *

This issue is not only late, but it is mostly cutesy (or what I consider humorous) stuff and the normal notices that are in each newsletter. Working on the end of the year reports, and balancing out January for the auditor's visit in February took longer than I anticipated. The next issue will again have some feature articles, photos and "Clips From the Past".