



# City Clips



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

At the recommendation of our attorney we have engaged EBH Engineering from Pratt to start the process of replacing the fence around the wastewater ponds at the northeast corner of town. The State of Kansas has been urging us to do this for some time. As usual this will be a sizable expense but it needs to be done to reduce the liability of the city in case of an accident.

While we are talking about the ponds, we have been having a problem with things other than limbs and brush being dumped at the burn pile. Elsewhere in this paper and on the orange signs at the entrance to the burn site, it states that dumping trash, concrete, appliances, construction waste, etc. will result in the closing of the burn pile.

If this service is important to you, maybe you could pass this information along to the folks dumping things that don't belong there. I know this is limited to just a few but I take this serious enough that I have instructed the engineer to include in his fence design an extension to surround the burn pile so it can be locked and everyone will have to have a city employee unlock the gate and observe what is being dumped. I know this is a drastic measure but when the burn ban was on there were people knocking the barricades down and driving through Davis's yard to get to the pile. It will probably be two to three months before the fence construction actually starts so in the mean time we will be keeping an eye out for illegal dumping.

I am only going to say three things about the curb project on Main Street:

- ❖ First, I would like to thank the property owners that live along there for getting together and coming up with a workable solution for everyone.
- ❖ Second, I will assure you that the water will drain away and there will be no more standing water in the valleys at the driveways.
- ❖ Third, I'm sure someone will come up with a solution to find shade for the vegetable cart.

The deadline for filing for mayor and city council is noon, June 3. If you are interested in either one of these positions you should sign up by then.

Robert Ellis

### Sewer Rate Increase

The monthly cost for sewer service will be increasing by 10% for each classification. For example, the **residential** rate will increase from \$10.00 per month to \$11.00 per month. This will begin with the May 31, 2019 billing. See Ordinance No. 373 on page 6. In 1990, the residential rate was \$7.50. In 2018, it was raised to \$10.00. For the last few years the sewer fund revenues and expenditures have been about the same with a small amount of revenue greater than expense. The sewer system and plant will need upgrading in the near future and the rates need to be increased to allow for those upgrades and unexpected maintenance costs.

Saturday, April 27, 2019  
Pet Clinic and Clean-Up Day

## 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](mailto:cityhall@haviglandtelco.com).

**CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto: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

### Personnel

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

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



One way to teach children to count is to give them different allowances.



## "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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Governing Body Contacts

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## Clips From the Past

Charles Amick was delivering fruit trees last Monday. From the look of things this will be a fruit country yet. Haviland Onlooker  
April 1905  
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Daily service will begin February 1 on R.R. #2.  
Nereus Mendenhall – Postmaster  
Haviland Onlooker  
January 22, 1909  
\* \* \* \* \*

The 7<sup>th</sup> day Adventists will begin a series of meetings in their new church Friday, March 18 at 8:00 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend.  
Haviland Onlooker  
March 1910  
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Will Rahencamp purchased the Baer Soda Fountain the first of the week and will serve hot drinks this winter and run a general confectionary. Haviland Onlooker  
November 3, 1911  
\* \* \* \* \*

Clarence Baker closed his roller skating rink here Wednesday evening and is moving equipment to Meade. Drexel Waltrip and Ralph Williams will go along as Mr. Baker's assistants.  
Haviland Review  
July 28, 1938

## Mini Minutes

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

### January 14, 2019

*Michelle motioned to approve the 2018 Audit Engagement Contract and the 2019 Non Attest Services with VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt. Tom seconded. Unanimous.*

*Tom motioned to approve the 2019 official bank, accountant, attorney and newspaper. Steve seconded. Unanimous*

*Michelle motioned to approve the 2019 GAAP Resolution No. 116. Tom seconded. Unanimous.*

*Kay motioned to raise Dave Vagts pay to \$750.00 per month to include both wastewater operator certification and water operator certification. Brooke seconded. Unanimous.*

### February 11, 2019

*Kay motioned to accept the appointment of Linda Simmons to finish Tom's term. Steve seconded. Unanimous. Steve motioned to accept the appointment of Aaron Stokes to finish Michelle's term. Kay seconded. Unanimous.*

*Steve nominated Kay for president of the council. Brooke requested nominations cease. Kay elected by acclamation.*

*Steve motioned to accept the Agreement for Representation of City of Haviland, Kansas with Howard Law Firm. Kay seconded. Unanimous.*

*Steve motioned to approve the Maintenance Agreement with Central Power Systems & Services. Brooke seconded. Unanimous*

### March 11, 2019

*Steve motioned to accept the Hach Service Partnership Renewal for the water treatment plant. Brooke seconded. Unanimous.*

*Steve motioned to give Haviland Heritage Foundation a \$400.00 donation. Aaron seconded. Motion passed 3-0 with 1 abstention.*

*Brooke motioned to raise the sewer rates 10% for each classification. Linda seconded. Unanimous.*

*Steve motioned to accept the contract with EBH Engineering for engineering services for a new chain link fence at the wastewater treatment facility. Aaron seconded. Unanimous.*

# November 5, 2019 Election

City of Haviland

Mayor (Four-year Term)

Two Council Members (Four-year Terms)

Haviland USD 474 Board

Four Positions (Four-year Terms)

Kiowa County Hospital Board

One Position (Three-year Term)

If you are interested in serving the community of Haviland as mayor, council member, school board member, or Kiowa County as a hospital board member, you must file at the County Clerk's office in the Kiowa County Courthouse, 211 E. Florida Ave. 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.

### City Utility Bill

Your city utility bill is mailed on the last working day of the month and due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Delinquent notices are sent on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Delinquent bills are charged a 10% penalty on the unpaid balance. Service will be terminated if payment or payment arrangements are not made within seven (7) business days. A reconnect fee of \$25.00 will be assessed if service is interrupted.



### How many dogs does it take to change a lightbulb?

- ❖ **Golden Retriever:** The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?
- ❖ **Border Collie:** Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.
- ❖ **Dachshund:** You know I can't reach that stupid lamp?
- ❖ **Rottweiler:** Make me.
- ❖ **Boxer:** Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.
- ❖ **Lab:** Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb? Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeze, please, please, please?
- ❖ **German Shepherd:** I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.
- ❖ **Jack Russell Terrier:** I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.
- ❖ **Old English Sheep Dog:** Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb.
- ❖ **Cocker Spaniel:** Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.
- ❖ **Pointer:** I see it, there it is, there it is, right there...
- ❖ **Greyhound:** It isn't moving. Who cares?
- ❖ **Poodle:** I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.



**The Cat's Answer:** Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner and a massage?



**\* \* \* CLEAN-UP DAY \* \* \***

Saturday, April 27, 2019 – Starting at 7:00 a.m.

**ITEMS THAT NISLY WILL PICK UP ARE:**

- \* boxes and bags of trash
- \* household clean-up
- \* junk furniture
- \* mattresses
- \* other bulky items

**Please have items by your curb before 7:00 a.m. Put trash in throwaway boxes or bags. No loose piles of trash! No box or bag may exceed 40 pounds in weight.** The above items will be picked up first.

- \* appliances
- \* metal items

**Please have all appliances and metal items stacked separately from other items and at the curb before 7:00 a.m.** These items will be picked up later in the day and will be recycled.

**THIS CLEAN-UP DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- \* brush/limbs
- \* household hazardous waste
- \* tires
- \* construction trash
- \* plaster and drywall
- \* roofing material
- \* concrete
- \* loose piles of trash

There will be a 40-yd. Nisly container on the east side of the park shelter house beginning Monday April 22 through Monday April 29 for your convenience.

All items to be picked up should be placed next to the curb. There will be no alley pick-up except for businesses. If you have large items that you need help moving to the street, call the city office, 862-5317 for assistance before April 27.

**\* \* \* PET CLINIC \* \* \***

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**ALL VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE**

**ANNUAL CITY LICENSE AND TAGS**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Fire Station**

**Please bring a copy of all current rabies vaccinations.**



## Out of the Mouths of Babes

A first grade teacher collected well-known proverbs. She gave each kid in her class the first half of a proverb, and had them come up with the rest.

Better to be safe than...punch a 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

Strike while the...bug is close.

It's always darkest before...Daylight Savings Time.

Never underestimate the power of...termites.

You can lead a horse to water but...how?

Don't bite the hand that...looks dirty.

No news is...impossible.

A miss is as good as a...Mr.

You can't teach an old dog new...math.

If you lie down with the dogs, you'll...stink in the morning.

Where there's smoke, there is...pollution

Happy the bride who...gets all the presents!

A penny saved is...not much.

Don't put off tomorrow what...you put on to go to bed.

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and you...have to blow your nose.

There is no fool like...Aunt Eddie.



## 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, Many of you do not take the paper, so with the quarterly newsletter, we now have another way to publish these items.

### ORDINANCE NO. 373

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING RATES OF SERVICE CHARGES TO BE PAID FOR THE USE OF THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND REVENUES; PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF SAID SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM; AND REPEALING ALL OF ORDINANCE NO. 370.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS: ORDINANCE NO. 373 SEWAGE SERVICE CHARGES:**

**SECTION 1.** All persons, firms, corporations, city departments, the United States, the State of Kansas and its political subdivisions and any organizations whose premises are connected, or may hereafter become connected to the sewage disposal system of the City of Haviland, Kansas, shall pay to said City for the use of such disposal system, the monthly service charge, in accordance with this classification of users and schedule of services:

CLASSIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	RATE PER MONTH
Class A	Single family residence	\$ 11.00
Class B	Multiple family residences and apartment houses	\$ 11.00 per unit
Class C	House trailer courts	\$ 11.00 per unit
Class D	Laundry establishments	\$ 19.25
Class E	Cafes and eating establishments	\$ 19.25
Class F	Service stations, including vehicle repair establishments and car washing facilities	\$ 14.58
Class G	Hospital, nursing, care and rest homes	\$ 68.75 per institution
Class H	Educational Dormitories	\$ 247.50 per institution
Class I	Schools and educational institutions	\$ 68.75 per institution
Class J	Commercial food retailers, wholesalers and grocery establishments	\$ 19.25
Class K	Offices and mercantile shops and all other establishments not classified	\$ 11.00

**SECTION 2.** The terms "sewage disposal system" or "sewages system" shall consist of all means of which sewage is transported, treated and disposed of, but shall not include drainage sewers, storm sewers nor drains. "Per institution:" as used in Section 1, shall refer to an entire organizational entity, even if said entity includes more than one building or facility.

**SECTION 3.** Each and every property owner or any other person, firm, corporation, city department, or political subdivision of the State of Kansas or the United States by or upon the authority of any owner, or any person whomsoever, desiring to connect any property, whatsoever to the sewage system or any lateral of the sewage system, shall at their own expense and under the direction, supervision and approval of the City clerk, or other authorized officer or employee of said City, construct such connection from their property to the City's sewage disposal system.

**SECTION 4.** The monthly service charges, as provided for in Section 1 shall be due and payable at the office of the City Clerk or other authorized office on or before the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of each month following the month of service, and if such charge shall not be paid when due, the City shall have the right, power and authority to discontinue all sewer service to such delinquent user.

**SECTION 5.** In the event any person, firm, corporation, political unit (except the United States or Kansas) or organization living or operating on premises connected to the sewage system, shall neglect, fail or refuse to pay the service charges as provided in Section 1 such charge shall constitute a lien upon the real estate served by the connection to the sewage system, and shall be certified by the City Clerk to the County Clerk of Kiowa county, Kansas, to be placed upon the tax roll for collection subject to the same penalties and collected in like manner as other taxes are by law collectable and the delivery of water through the pipes and mains of the Haviland Municipal Water System to such premises may be disconnected until such charges are fully paid.

**SECTION 6.** All revenues derived from the sewage systems service charges shall be deposited in the City Treasury and credited to a separate fund known as the sewer fund, and such revenue shall be used exclusively for the administration, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, extension, enlargement, betterment, depreciation and obsolescence of the sewage disposal system; and may be used to pay principal of and interest of any bonds issued on account of the sewage system, either general obligation or revenue tools, or both, except this revenue shall not be used to pay bonds issued for any such project the cost of which is payable from special assessments, nor shall the revenue be applied to the construction or reconstruction of sewer systems in the benefit district.

**SECTION 7.** The sections of the ordinance are intended to be several and separate so that if any section herein is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8.** Ordinance No. 370 and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 9.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication in The Merchant's Directory as provided by law.

Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

# Seasons of Haviland



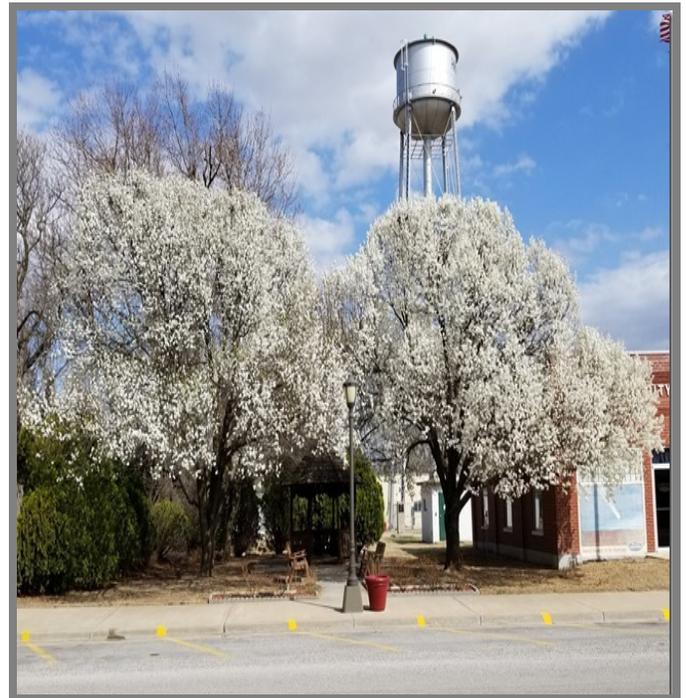
Summer – Taken July 18, 2018 – City Hall



Fall – Taken October 20, 2018 – Baseball Field



Winter – Taken February 5, 2019 – 704 N. Lawrence



Spring – Taken March 25, 2019 – City Hall

## Trivia – Useful and Otherwise

### Famous Missing Treasures

**Montezuma's Treasure** – When Hernan Cortes arrived in the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan in 1519, Emperor Montezuma II greeted him and his men with great ceremony. The Aztecs even offered Cortes gold and silver in the hopes that these white-skinned “gods” would leave Tenochtitlan in peace. Greedy for more, the Spaniards put Montezuma under house arrest instead, and with the help of local allies set about ransacking the city and terrorizing its inhabitants. After a brutal massacre during a religious festival, the Aztecs rose in rebellion, and Montezuma was killed in the confusion. Spanish forces fled Tenochtitlan under full attack, and were forced to dump all their looted riches in the waters of Lake Texcoco in their mad rush to escape. Though Cortes returned with a rebuilt army the next year and conquered the Aztecs for good, the so-called “Montezuma's Treasure” would remain lost. According to the most popular theory, the riches still rest on the bottom of Lake Texcoco, though many have searched for it there without success. But as one legend—handed down by some Aztec descendants—has it, more than 2,000 men retrieved the treasures and marched them (with Montezuma's exhumed corpse) north, perhaps all the way to southern Utah.

### Things You May Not Know About Route 66

**A former marine penned the song that helped make the highway famous.** In 1946, singer Nat King Cole had a hit single with “(Get Your Kicks on) Route 66”, written that same year by Bobby Troup. A Pennsylvania native, Troup composed his first hit song while still in college then went on to serve in the Marines during World War II. After the war, he returned to the U.S. and drove to Hollywood with his wife to try to make a career as a songwriter. While traveling on Route 66, he was inspired to start penning the lyrics for a tune about the roadway. Once in California, he was introduced to Nat King Cole, who soon recorded Troup's song, which name checks places the road goes through. Troup's pop anthem to Route 66 went on to be recorded by scores of artists, including Bing Crosby and the Rolling Stones.

### Unexpected Moments in Presidential Inauguration History

**William Henry Harrison** – Despite the exceedingly cold weather on William Henry Harrison's inauguration day in 1841, the war hero and incoming president refused to wear a coat or hat, and insisted on riding back to the White House on horseback instead of a covered carriage. “Old Tippecanoe” also delivered the longest address in inaugural history. His speech was 8,445 words long, and took more than two hours to read. Ironically, Harrison's presidency would turn out to be the briefest in the nation's history. Shortly after his inauguration, Harrison caught a cold, which turned into pneumonia. He died on April 4, 1841, just 31 days after taking office.

### Short-Lived Republics in the United States

**The Indian Stream Republic: 1832-1835** – In 1832, the residents of the tiny New England community of Indian Stream declared independence—from whom, they weren't entirely sure. Ever since the end of the American Revolution, Indian Stream had been at the center of a border dispute between the United States and British-controlled Canada. Both sides claimed that the prescribed borderline placed the land under their control, and both sent tax collectors into the region. This so annoyed the 300 residents of Indian Stream that they voted to establish their own independent republic. In their constitution, they mandated that home rule would remain in effect “till such time as we can ascertain to what government we properly belong.

The U.S. and Canada didn't take kindly to Indian Stream's declaration of independence, and tensions later grew after both sides tried to serve warrants in the area. In response to several incidents of violence, the New Hampshire militia eventually occupied the disputed territory in late 1835. Only then did the Indian Streamers finally dissolve their government and allow New Hampshire to exercise jurisdiction in the region. The former micro-nation became the town of Pittsburg, New Hampshire, and it was later officially placed in the United States with signing of 1842's Webster-Ashburton Treaty, which corrected several issues with the U.S.-Canada border.

### Epic Family Feuds

**Barber-Mizell Feud** – Family feuds involving charges of cattle theft weren't limited to the Old West. In 1870, a violent battle broke out in Florida between the Barbers and Mizells after David Mizell was fatally shot on the Osceola County land of cattleman Moses Barber, who had ordered the other man to stay off his property. By the start of the U.S. Civil War, when Florida was the Confederate army's main purveyor of beef, Barber's family owned one of the state's biggest cattle operations according to the Florida Historical Society. Following the war, Barber, who opposed the Reconstruction government, wouldn't pay his taxes, so Mizell, the local sheriff, whose family also were ranchers, confiscated some of his cattle as compensation. Afterward, Barber announced the sheriff would be gunned down if he set foot on Barber's land again—which was what happened in 1870 when Mizell ventured onto Barber's property in an attempt to collect a debt for another rancher. Mizell's death launched a spate of revenge killings and years of bad blood between the two families.

## 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.



### Strange Laws

Be Careful, many of these laws are still on the books!

1. When visiting Louisiana, remember that it is illegal to gargle in public...you can do just about anything else in public, but NO gargling!
2. And be careful that you do not get caught shaving while driving in Massachusetts or you'll be in real trouble.
3. If you're going to be driving through Utah, be alert because the birds have the right-of-way on the state highways.
4. And walking down the streets of Maine with your shoestrings untied is also illegal.
5. Oh, and in Atlanta, not only is it illegal to tie your giraffe to a telephone pole but if you get caught dressing a mannequin without shutting the window shades, you could be in big trouble.
6. In Haviland, KS it is unlawful for trains to run through the city at a speed greater than six (6) miles per hour. Published August 10, 1909. This ordinance was repealed in 1946.
7. When in Nebraska, keep in mind not to spit against wind because not only is it messy, it's also illegal.
8. Eating out in Connecticut became so much more pleasant once the law requiring restaurateurs to provide separate nose blowing and non-nose blowing sections, went into effect.
9. And if you decide to order cherry pie while eating in Kansas, don't waste your time asking it to be served with a scoop of ice cream on top...it is against the law.
10. In Haviland, KS it is unlawful to spit or expectorate on the sidewalks, or on the floors or walks of any public hall or building, or in any places where the public is wont to assemble. Published November 20, 1908.
11. In California, it's against the law to peel an orange in your hotel room...I guess it's okay to peel it in the hallway and then go into your room.
12. If you're planning to do any fishing while visiting Chicago, be sure you don't do it in your pajamas or you might spend the rest of your vacation in jail.
13. And if you're going to set a fire under your mule, don't do it in Ohio...yep, it's against the law. Can you believe it?
14. Whistling under water will result in more than getting water in your nose, it will also get you put in jail if you do it in Vermont.
15. And while you and your beloved spouse are enjoying the Florida sun, don't throw dishes if you happen to have a little disagreement with each other. If you break more than three a day, you could spend the rest of your vacation eating off of metal trays in the county jail.
16. In Haviland, KS it is a misdemeanor to be drunk in your house and disturbing the family or others. Published May 25, 1906.
17. It is illegal to land a flying saucer in the vineyards of France.
18. And last but not least, if you take ill while in Iceland, never seek medical help from anyone who's shingle reads: "Scottulaejnir". You see ANYONE can practice medicine in Iceland as long as they display this sign. Loosely translated it means, "Quack Doctor".

**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.**

## Haviland *Heritage* Museum New Exhibit Beginning in May

The Haviland Heritage Foundation would like to honor our Haviland area veterans and our nurses (not necessarily military) in our early summer exhibits. If you have any pictures, memorabilia, or clothing that you would like to donate or loan to the Heritage Foundation Museum, we would like to use them for one to two months. For more information, contact Lori Binford 620-388-0995 or Sheri Elliott 620-862-7200. Of special interest for the display are:

- ❖ **Union Army coat worn by Milton Asher in the Civil War.** Milton Asher enlisted in the Union Army August 21, 1862 at Gosport, Indiana. He died of complications from pneumonia/measles January 18, 1863. At the time of his death, he was serving as a private in the 59<sup>th</sup> infantry at La Grange, Tennessee. The 59<sup>th</sup> infantry was guarding the Memphis-Charleston Railroad where 30,000 soldiers were serving. When an epidemic of measles broke out, up to 3,000 infantrymen were hospitalized from wounds or illness.

On February 24, 1859, he married Melissa West. To this union one son was born, Dayton (Date) Asher in September 1861. With Milton's death, Melissa received a death benefit, which she saved for Date. In 1886, Date homesteaded a farm 3½ miles west of Haviland. Eventually four generations would attend the Haviland public schools.

- ❖ **Dress blue uniform** - worn by Yeoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Duane Larsh in WWII.
- ❖ **Nursing graduation hat** – worn by Beverly (Bachman) Hannan.
- ❖ **Nursing cape** – worn by Doris (Thornburg) Ferguson.

The museum will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. beginning on May 4 and each Saturday through the summer. We would appreciate your help as a volunteer to be a host or hostess for a few hours on a summer day. Contact Jeanne Sneed (862-5448) so she can work you into the schedule.

The museum is located in the Heart of America Resource Center on E. Highway 54 in Haviland.



### Some strategies for women who want to seem younger than they are.

- Have your wattle removed surgically.
- Keep your electrolysis appointments. (Just because you can't see your "unwanted hair" anymore doesn't mean it isn't there.)
- Wear running shoes or at least tennies. (Everybody looks younger in tennies.)
- Cancel your subscription to "AARP The Magazine"—or peel off the address label and put the magazine in your neighbor's mailbox. (Read it first.)
- Give your fifty-year-old strapless prom dress to the historical society—anonously.

### Some strategies for men who want to seem younger than they are.

- Offer your white bucks to the Goodwill (The contents of your closets give away your chronology, especially that moth-eaten letter sweater with the Old English B in gold felt.)
- Don't refer to your wife and her friends as "the girls." (Risky—some feminists are getting old now, too.)
- Don't wolf-whistle. That went out years ago.
- Change barbers. Your old one knows you too well to try to talk you into a new look. Besides, he may just happen to tell his other customers how old you are.



A highway patrolman waited outside a popular bar, hoping for a bust. At closing time everyone came out and he spotted his potential quarry. The man was so obviously inebriated that he could barely walk. He stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes, looking for his car.

After trying his keys on five other cars, he finally found his own vehicle. He sat in the car a good ten minutes, as the other patrons left. He turned his lights on, then off, wipers on, then off. He started to pull forward into the grass, then stopped.

Finally, when he was the last car, he pulled out onto the road and started to drive away. The patrolman, waiting for this, turned on his lights and pulled the man over. He administered the Breathalyzer test, and to his great surprise, the man blew a 0.00. The patrolman was dumbfounded. "This equipment must be broken!" he exclaimed.

"I doubt it," said the man, "tonight I'm the designated decoy!"



### Street Sealing

The older paved streets in town are due for the street sealing process. This does not include the streets that were done in 2015-16. This procedure is needed about every five years.

While this is being done, all vehicles will need to be parked off of the streets involved. This project will be done in May or June and will take two to three days.

You will be notified either by email, or a mailed notice prior to the start of the project. If you have never given me your email, now would be a good time to do so. That lets you know in a quicker way what is happening.

## Clifton Darrel Clark I

**A local legend that loved his wife, his family, driving his John Deere tractor, and driving the school bus!**

This article is in memory of a man that dedicated his life to his #1 job: family, which included wife Betty, sons Darry and Rob, eight grand grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; his #2 job as a farmer; his #3 job as a seed dealer; and his #4 job as a school bus driver for USD 474.



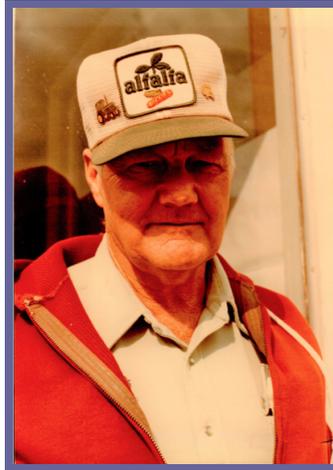
**High School Graduation - 1946**

Clifton Darrel Clark was born July 16, 1928 northeast of Haviland and was a lifetime resident of the community. He graduated from Haviland High School in 1946. On December 31, 1947 he married Betty



**Wedding - 1947**

Jo Hiler in Haviland. He died December 9, 2018. Along with farming, which he started at the age of 10 helping his dad, he raised cattle and for about 30 years was a Dekalb seed dealer. Clifton was also a scoutmaster for a number of years.



**Wearing His Dekalp Cap**

Without a doubt, the biggest impact Clifton had on the community was his 52 years as a bus driver. He drove kids to and from school, sporting events, school functions, class field trips, and senior trips. He also was a member of the chain gang at home football games and ran the scoreboard at volleyball and basketball games for many of those years. Not only did he have an excellent driving record, he had a special feeling for the hundreds of kids that were a part of his life for so many years. Those hundreds of young people represented more than one generation of school kids.



**Last Bus Ride**

**Betty, Clifton, granddaughter Jaucilyn, son Darry**

Following is an article written by granddaughter Kandyce for the 1995-96 high school yearbook about a special reward that Clifton received.

### **Driving Excellence**

On March 17 Clifton Clark received the Elmer "Carp" Carpenter Award. This award is given to individuals that go above and beyond their job requirements for the students and others. He was presented this award at the KIAAA Convention in Manhattan at the Holidome.

"I was very happy and felt honored to have received this award. It was just dandy," said Clark, "Driving the school bus has been such a pleasure that it's made years of my life go by so fast that it just seems like a short time ago that I started driving."

Since he started driving the bus in 1958, Clifton has driven on most athletic trips, kept score on all away junior high and high school basketball games, and run the Down-Box on the chain gang for about 400 football games. These are just a few of the activities he's helped in.

Clifton started on his third scoreboard this year, and has worked with six different superintendents of schools during his 38 years of dedicated service. So far he's only missed two nights of activities due to illness.

From lending out money to finding the latest person that's left something on the bus, Clark has gone out of his way to help the students.

"All school age children need to be transported. I feel like I'm doing something that's needed and at the same time I'm doing something I really like to do. I feel like I've had a pretty good life. I've been able to do what I want and enjoy every day of it."

In 2010, when Clifton retired from bus driving, Clifton received the following letter from USD 474.

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On a fall day in 1958, Clifton D. Clark drove his first regular bus route for Haviland Schools. During that time Dwight D. Eisenhower was in the oval office and the Korean War had only been over for five years.

Many years have passed since then, and the world and education have changed. But for Haviland Schools there has been one constant: Clifton D. Clark was driving a school bus. If there was a school activity you can bet Clifton drove it. It might have been a short drive across town to the local Thresher Show, or to regional and state competitions all across the state. There are tales of blizzard conditions, icy roads, muddy roads and every other conceivable climatic condition one might imagine, and unless you have driven that late night run in fog so thick you cannot see your hand in front of your face, you would probably not understand.

Bus drivers often go unappreciated. Parents and students know that the bus is there, *just because it is*. Well, Clifton was there, for 52 years day after day. Clifton’s dedication to students and to the educational system is inspiring to us all. On behalf of Haviland USD 474, we would like to say, “*You are appreciated.*” We say this to our dedicated bus driver of 52 years, Clifton D. Clark, and to all the other faithful bus drivers of Haviland USD 474.

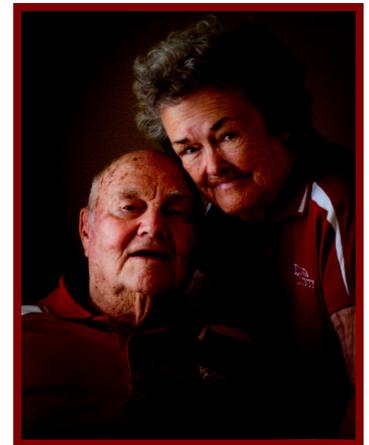
The executive board of KSPTA expends a hearty “Bravo!” to Clifton D. Clark for his long and dedicated service to the students of Haviland USD 474. Well done, sir. Well done.

Editor’s Note – When Clifton began driving the school bus in 1958, he was assigned the route which included from Highway 54 north to the Edwards County line, and from the black top road (Main St.) east for about three miles. At that time there were a number of farms in that area and that was the biggest route. I was one of those country kids and also our families were neighbors in those sand hills north of town.

He was a great storyteller and loved to reminisce about the past. I learned many things about our neighbors (and some of them may actually have been true) during more recent years.

Betty was the head cook at the school for many years and she had a special seat in the bus right behind the driver. Darry and I were in the same class.

It was and is a privilege and a joy to know Clifton and the entire family!



**The Four Cliftons**

**Left to Right: Clifton Darrel Clark III (CD), Clifton Darrel Clark IV (Quaid)  
Clifton Darrel Clark I, Clifton Darrel Clark II (Darry)**

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Joe was the type who loved to talk about the good old days. At a movie, he told the girl who handed him his five-dollar ticket, “I can remember when a movie ticket was only fifteen cents.” “You’re really going to enjoy this movie then, sir,” said the ticket girl. “We have sound now.”

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A particularly deaf elder was bragging about his new hearing aid. “It’s great,” he said to a friend. “I now can hear the birds singing and the crickets chirping. I can hear a conversation a full block away.” “You don’t say,” said his friend. “What kind is it?” The proud owner consulted his wristwatch and said, “Twenty minutes after two.”





## Exam Answers

The following are all answers written by children taking exams...misspellings and all.

"When you breath, you inspire. When you do not breath, you expire."

"H3O is hot water, and CO3 is cold water."

"To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube."

"When you smell an oderless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide."

"Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state."

"Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars."

"Blood flows down one leg and up the other."

"Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expectoration."

"The moon is a planet just like the Earth, only it is even deader."

"Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire."

"A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold."

"Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas."

"The pistol of a flower is its only protection agenst insects."

"The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana."

"A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspidis, two molars, and eight cuspidors."

"The tides are a fight between the Earth and moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water in the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight."

"A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is."

"Many women believe that an alcoholic binge will have no ill effects on the unborn fetus, but that is a large misconception."

"Equator: A managerie lion running around the Earth through Africa."

"Germinate: To become a naturalized German."

"Liter: a nest of young puppies."

"Magnet: Something you find crawling all over a dead cat."

"Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away."

"Planet: A body of earth surrounded by sky."

"Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone bloodshot."

"Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives."

"Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative."

"To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose."

"For a nosebleed: Put the nose much lower than the body until the heart stops."

"For a dog bite: Put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered, then kill it."

"For asphyxiation: Apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead."

"For head cold: Use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat."

"To keep milk from turning sour: Keep it in the cow."



## You Know You're Living in 2019 When...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You email the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that you don't have their email addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic, causing you to turn around to go home to get it.
9. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.



I.H. and Laura Woodward homesteaded NE of Haviland in the winter of 1884-85 and the B. H. Albertson family homesteaded NE of Haviland in 1884. Mr. Woodward and Mr. Albertson were two of the organizers of the Haviland Town Company in 1886. T.C. and Amanda Kendall came to Haviland in 1903. Amanda was a B.H. Albertson's sister. The Woodwards had four daughters and one was named Ada. The Kendalls had two children, one a son named Chester. Chester and Ada married and had six children, one of which was Jeannine who wrote this story, also Don and Dean who both lived in Haviland. The line of descendants who now live (at the time of publishing this newsletter) in Haviland from Chester and Amanda Kendall are: Ron Kendall and Bryce Kendall (great-grandsons); Logan (Kendall) VandenHoek, Amy (Kendall) Swonger and Justin Kendall (great-great-grandchildren); Camden and Brecken VandenHoek, Cade Swonger, Bryson, Remy, and Adlee Kendall (great-great-great-grandchildren). Whew, I hope I got that right!

### **Beyond the Sound of War**

**This story was told to Jeannine (Kendall) Jones by her grandmother Amanda (Albertson) Kendall.**

Near the little town of Greensboro, North Carolina lived our happy family of eight: father, mother, two boys and four girls. Our home was a humble log cabin among the hills and blue grass. We loved one another and were taught to live peaceable with all men. I was a little girl by the name of Amanda. I was six years old at the time the Civil War broke out. How my heart would ache as I often heard father and mother talk about the troubles and how they feared that we would be compelled to leave our home in the hills. It would be necessary for us to try and get across the line and on to Indiana where relatives lived and where we could enjoy freedom.

Suddenly all hope of peaceably settling the question of secession disappeared and on April 12, 1861 the Confederate forces at Charleston fired on Fort Sumter, which commanded the harbor. The war over slavery and secession had begun.

One evening as we sat around our table eating our evening meal, we heard a gentle knock at the door and in came our neighbor, who seemed a bit troubled. After inquiring about the welfare of all, he turned to my father and said in his old Quaker way "Phoenis, has thee heard the sad news? The Confederates have fired on Fort Sumter and I am fearful we have hard days ahead." My father's head dropped and I noticed tears in my mother's eyes. My heart ached but little did I know what it all meant. As our neighbor left for his home, father followed him out the door and they talked for some time.

With the fall of Fort Sumter, Lincoln called for 75,000 men to be used in forcing the Confederate States back into the Union. This now began four long years of terrible fighting. Battle after battle was fought. Many thousands of men were killed and wounded and many others died of diseases. In some cases brother fought against brother and fathers fought against sons in the opposing armies. Soldiers on each side did brave deeds.

It was decided that our family and this neighbor's family, sixteen in all, would take what we could in our covered wagon and start for Indiana. Preparations were made and in the fall of 1863 we left our little homes and began our long journey. Little did we know what was ahead of us. This was the beginning of a journey of seven weeks and three days.

Not long after we left our little North Carolina homes, the Confederates came in and took possession. They burned our homes and the land was used for a battleground. We traveled for days with the Union Army and camped with them at night. I still remember how mother and my aunt would cook our meals on the campfire. Many times soldiers would come over to the campfire and we would give them something to eat. The soldiers seemed anxious to talk to women, because many had left mothers and wives at home and were homesick and longed to see them.

One day as we were traveling along with the Army, we came to a farmhouse where they had a lovely garden. The soldiers jumped over the fence and ate all that was edible, because they were so hungry. You can imagine how the garden looked. Yes, it was completely ruined. We knew if the Confederate Army found out we were leaving the south, they would punish us severely, perhaps hang us on the next tree. We felt protected with the Union Army.

Mother liked to walk and did so much of the time. I remember I walked with her and how my feet would get so tired, but I wanted to be by her for I felt I was so much safer, because she always seemed so brave even in time of danger. I can still remember the soldier's blue coats and gold buttons. This left a deep impression on my young mind. One evening as we camped on a former battlefield I was playing and underneath some grass and rubbish I found the skull of a soldier who had been killed in battle. This haunted me for days. This made me hate war all the more. We traveled with the Army until we crossed the Mason-Dixon Line. We were safe once again. We bid the Army goodbye and from there traveled alone.

We traveled for some time when my brother broke out with the measles. We cared for him the best we could, but when we reached Lexington, Kentucky, father and mother decided it best to board the train and finish our journey. We were so glad to reach Indiana after seven weeks and three days of adventurous traveling and to see relatives and friends.

As soon as my father stepped from the train he asked an old friend of his about his mother, and was told she had passed away about three weeks before. This seemed such a shock to us, but amid the sorrow we were made to rejoice to know we were given a safe journey. It seemed good to be back among loved ones and in a land beyond the sound of war.

A new home had to be made and our possessions were small, as we had to leave so much behind. As we worked and planned, it wasn't long until we were again settled. Yes, settled in a land of freedom, free from the noise of battle and strife. Our hearts were full of praise and thanksgiving with a new determination to live peaceable with all men.