



City Clips



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* * * Mayor's Musings * * *

By the time this goes to print we should be finished with the curb and gutter on the west side of Main Street. I think Mansel Construction did a great job. Also the resealing of the paved streets should be done by the end of this month. We have been patching holes in the pavement and cleaning the surface to get ready for the sealing. Please help us out by not blowing grass clippings in the street while mowing. I appreciate your patience throughout this whole ordeal.

Speaking of mowing, I just went on line and was shocked by the number of children who are killed or have had to have limbs amputated each year from mower accidents. A few simple actions could have prevented all this. Children, adults and pets should not be in the yard when a mower is running. And absolutely, children should not ride on your lap while you are mowing. And yes I know the owner's manual says to run the mower at full throttle to get a clean cut and make the hydrostat work properly and some more reasons that I don't buy. The higher the RPM the farther a mower will throw a rock or anything else that is run over. When the guys were pouring concrete on the new curb the other day someone was mowing a yard right next to them with the discharge chute pointed right at them. It would be a little scary trying to trowel cement with a mower on one side and speeding traffic on the other. Over the years the city has paid for more than one plate glass window and vehicle window.

Bids for the wastewater plant fence were opened July 2nd. Lang Fence Construction from Hill City, Kansas was the winner. Construction will start soon. As I mentioned in the last article we will put up a fence around the burn pile. We will leave the gate open to start with but if the privilege is abused it will be locked up. Remember, limbs and brush only, and try to get stuff close to the pile. A few have been just dumping in the road and we have to take a tractor out there and push it up tight to get it to burn.

Getting back to traffic on Main Street, I have received complaints from several concerned citizens about people speeding on the street. I know that some of us think our job or our appointment is more important than most people so we should be allowed to go faster than the speed limit.

School is about to start and we will be putting the north flashing school zone sign in front of the Larsh residence to cover the walking traffic to the new building on the west side of Main.

It's 2,100 feet from the speed limit sign at the city limit to the railroad tracks. If you are driving thirty miles per hour it takes 48 seconds to make that distance. If you are going twenty, it takes 71 seconds. Is it worth someone's life to save 23 seconds? (And some people go down the street at forty or more).

I will end this as I always do, **PLEASE SLOW DOWN**.

Robert Ellis

Contact Information

I am in the process of updating contact information. Many people do not have a landline telephone any more and use cell phones only. It would really be helpful if you would give me current cell phone numbers and email addresses. This is for office use only. I do not share this information. You can either call the office at 862-5317 or send an email to cityhall@havilandtelco.com. Thank you.

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@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, 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@havilandtelco.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.

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Next year three and a half million kids will turn sixteen and seven million parents will turn pale.



"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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Clips From the Past

The weather took a sudden tumble Saturday morning and no one seemed to anticipate or expect the blizzard that it really proved to be. At 6:00 Saturday morning the mercury stood at 43° above and in 24 hours it registered at 15° below zero.

Havigland Tribune

December 1, 1887

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Marvin Dunlap, living four miles northwest of town, cut one of his toes off Monday while chopping wood. Dunlap was raised in timber country but he has been in Kansas so long he's forgotten how to use an axe.

Havigland Onlooker

March 1, 1889

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Some of our young people attended the grand ball at Wellsford last Thursday night and reported a good time.

Havigland Tribune

December 1, 1887

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The last week over in the east part of town was "oil your mill, Joe". The cry in the north part of town was "put a governor on your windmill, Virgil."

Havigland Onlooker

August 8, 1903

Smithsonian by the Numbers

0 - Number of firearms or dangerous weapons you're allowed to bring.

1 - Exception to the above policy, per the Smithsonian website: "Kirpans (ceremonial knives) are religious articles of faith often worn by Sikhs. These knives are permitted in the museums as long as the blades are 2.5 inches or less in length."

2 - Percentage of the Smithsonian Institution's holdings on display at any given time.

3 - Number of one-cent stamps affixed to the first piece of mail flown across the Atlantic, which is housed in the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum.

4.8 - Millions of botanical specimens housed by the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

19 - Number of museums that make up the Smithsonian. Among others, these include the National Museum of the American Indian, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery (Asian art).

37.2 - Weight, in tons, of a section of Route 66 delivered to the Hall of Transportation in the National Museum of American History for an exhibit.

45.42 - Number of carats in the Hope Diamond at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. It glows in the dark after exposure to UV rays and is semi conductive, too!

100,000 - Amount of money, in British pounds sterling, that James Smithson originally willed upon his death in 1829. This eventually became the financial start of the Smithsonian.

154,000,000 - Approximate number of objects, works of art, and specimens in the Smithsonian Institution.

November 5, 2019 Election

**City of Havigland
Running for Mayor**

Donnie Mackley, Aaron Stokes

Running for Council – Two Positions

Sharon Howard, Steve Larsh

Running for Havigland USD 474 Board – Four Positions

Rosie Troyer, Adam Weseloh, BradyThompson

Running for Kiowa County Hospital Board – One Position

Aaron Einsel, Tim Morton

Voting will take place in the community room from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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 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.

Presidential Trivia

- George Washington was the only American president to be unanimously elected and the only president who did not represent a political party.
- John Adams was the first president to reside in the White House. He moved in November 1800 while the paint was still wet.
- The main author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, was the first president to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.
- Standing 5 feet, 4 inches and weighing 100 pounds, James Madison was the shortest and lightest president. He also was the first president to wear trousers rather than knee breeches
- James Monroe was the first president to ride a steamboat, and his daughter, Maria Hester, was the first to be a bride in the White House.
- John Quincy Adams was the son of a former president and first president to be photographed.
- Andrew Jackson was the first president born in a log cabin and the first to ride in a train. He also was the first to experience and survive an assassination attempt.
- Martin Van Buren was the first U.S. president born in the United States. Raised in Kinderhook, N.Y., Van Buren is credited with the term "OK." After going into politics, he became known as "Old Kinderhook." Soon people began using the term "OK" to refer to Van Buren and the word okay was derived.
- James K. Polk was the first president to have his inauguration reported by telegraph and the first to fulfill all of his campaign promises.



"How can you stand this stuff?" said the grandson to his grandfather, who was listening to 1940s big-band singers. "All they sing about is love and junk," said the grandson. "Well," replied the grandfather, "what's your rock-and-roll music about?" "That's the beauty of it," said the grandson. "Nobody knows!"



Trivia – Useful and Otherwise Things You May Not Know About Geronimo

He spent the last 23 years of his life as a prisoner of war. Following their surrender, Geronimo and the Chiricahuas – including the Apache army scouts that had helped catch him – were condemned to manual labor at army camps in Florida. The Indians were later moved to Mount Vernon Barracks, Alabama, and then Fort Sill, Oklahoma, but despite their repeated pleas for a reservation in the West, they remained prisoners of war for the rest of Geronimo's life. As the years passed, Geronimo busied himself with farming and cashed in on his growing celebrity by selling autographs and peddling walking sticks, bows and other items to American tourists. His captors also granted him permission to appear in occasional World's Fairs and Wild West Shows, where he was often billed as the "Apache Terror" and the "Tiger of the Human Race."

Geronimo's most famous public appearance came on March 4, 1905, when he took part in President Theodore Roosevelt's inaugural parade in Washington, D.C. Flanked by five other Indian leaders, the elderly warrior rode a pony down Pennsylvania Avenue. Five days later, the Indians got a chance to speak to Roosevelt in person at the White House. Geronimo – still a prisoner of war – took the opportunity to plead with the President to send the Chiricahuas back to their native lands in the West. By then, nearly 20 years had passed since Geronimo's surrender, but Roosevelt turned down the request out of fear that war would once again break out if the Apaches returned home. The federal government wouldn't free the Chiricahuas until 1913 – four years after Geronimo's 1909 death from pneumonia.

Historical Figures Remembered For the Wrong Things

John Montagu, Earl of Sandwich – The name John Montagu probably won't ring a bell with many people, but they might recognize him from his title, Earl of Sandwich. He is the man who gave the name to the most popular, versatile food in the world – the sandwich. According to the story, Montagu was an avid gambler and wanted a food that he could eat without leaving the card table. His buddies soon started asking for "the same as Sandwich" which just became a sandwich eventually. According to a more complimentary version, Montagu was such a hard worker that he wanted something he could eat at his desk in his office. The biggest position held by Montagu in his career was First Lord of the Admiralty. He had the post from 1748 to 1751, in 1763, and from 1771 to 1782. His final stint wasn't considered particularly successful, especially due to his administration during the American Revolutionary War. He did do something worthwhile, though, and that was sponsoring the voyages of James Cook. When Montagu was put in charge of the navy, Cook had just finished his first voyage to Australia. He was commissioned for another trip, and the Earl of Sandwich gave him the HMS Resolution, a sloop that Cook described as "the fittest for service of any I have seen." He used it on his next two voyages. In 1778, Cook became the first European to discover the Hawaiian Islands, which he initially named the Sandwich Islands in honor of his patron.

Short-Lived Republics in the United States

The Province and Government of Westsylvania – In the 1770s, the states of Pennsylvania and Virginia laid claims and established control over areas that form parts of today's Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Maryland. These claims would have been sorted by the Mason-Dixon Line that demarcated Pennsylvania from Maryland, but the survey was abandoned in 1767. (Technically, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Kentucky are called "commonwealths" rather than "states." So is Massachusetts, although it's not involved in this territorial dispute. However, there's really no difference between a state and a commonwealth in the U.S.) In 1775, inspired by the ongoing Revolutionary War and fearing a civil war between both states, citizens of the disputed region declared independence and renamed the region "The Province and Government of Westsylvania." Thereafter, they petitioned Congress to admit them as the 14th state of the Union. Congress ignored the petition, and the two states settled their border dispute in 1780.

Historical Oddities You Probably Don't Know

- ❖ England's King George I was actually German.
- ❖ Abel Tasman "discovered" Tasmania, New Zealand and Fiji, on his first voyage, but managed to completely miss mainland Australia!
- ❖ Ethnic Irishman Bernardo O'Higgins was the first president of the Republic of Chile.
- ❖ Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on the same day – the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Declaration of Independence.
- ❖ When the American Civil War started, Confederate General Robert E. Lee owned no slaves. Union General U.S. Grant did.
- ❖ Kaiser Wilhelm II, Tsar Nicholas II and George V were all grandchildren of Queen Victoria.
- ❖ Karl Marx was once a correspondent for the New York Daily Tribune.
- ❖ Josef Stalin once studied to be a priest.
- ❖ Henry Kissinger and Yassir Arafat won the Nobel Peace Prize. Gandhi never did.

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 for your monthly water/sewer/trash bill.

Did You Know...

- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska.
- The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%.
- The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.
- The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- The first novel ever written on a typewriter was "Tom Sawyer."
- The San Francisco Cable Cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$.
- In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb."
- In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "Good night, sleep tight."
- Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen only – Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the world GOLF entered into the English language.
- At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow.



New Friends On a Bench In a Busy Park

Fred: I can tell you exactly how old you are right down to the month and the year.

Jack: Get outta here.

Fred: I'll bet you five bucks.

Jack: Okay

Fred: Stand on one leg, raise both arms, open your mouth wide, and cackle like a chicken.

Jack: What?

Fred: Do it, I can tell from that.

Jack. I feel stupid.

Fred: You were 83 last March.

Jack: That's right! That's amazing! How could you tell I was 83 last March?

Fred: You told me yesterday.



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.



Dot Hannan with her Bible collection at FBC library.

Haviland Lady Has Many "Good Books" to Read

The following article was in the Kiowa County Signal in early 1983.

If you're looking for a "good book" to read, then Dot Hannan can furnish you with several hundred of them.

The 74-year-old Haviland lady has over 750 Bibles in her collection that was started when she was nine years old. She has 50 of them on display until the end of March at Friends Bible College library.

The oldest Bible in her collection was acquired at a flea market in Chicago about 15 years ago, Mrs. Hannan said. It is a 1793 Swedish Bible.

Another one of the oldest Bibles in her collection is Martin Luther's Collection, which she inherited from her parents, Charlie and Rebecca Lungren. She also has an 1852 Swedish Bible that was given to her by her parents.

"One of the oldest books that I appreciate is an 1818 Swedish hymnal," Mrs. Hannan said. It belonged to her great-grandmother Sophia Carlson of Forsard, Kalmer, Sweden.

"You couldn't have a Bible in Sweden at that time," she said, "so the people would walk to church with their hymnal and sing. It was their custom."

My interest is in the children's Bibles and all of my children have used them," she said. Mrs. Hannan has seven children, 25 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hannan and her husband, Dude, who is 79, live on a farm south of Wellsford on the Pratt County line. They are both active in community work and he still farms.

Clips From the Past

The Western Ice and Utilities company of Pratt will deliver ice anywhere in Haviland on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Leave orders at Cook's store. Haviland Review

July 10, 1930

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We wonder if our readers have noticed the nice cooling system which Mr. Scantlin installed last month at his café. There is a fan for each four booths besides those for the counter and fountain.

Haviland Review

July 10, 1930

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A group of Haviland's enterprising and far-seeming businessmen have been very busy the past two days overseeing the construction of one of those "premature golf courses." Jim Reeder, Hank McMaken and George Jones have been doing most of the work. The course is being built on the vacant lot north of the City Meat Market. Haviland Review

August 14, 1930

Street Sealing

By the time you read this, the street sealing will be finished. It was scheduled to take place Monday, July 22 and Tuesday, July 23. APAC changed their plans and began Thursday, July 18.

We tried our best to notify you ahead of time what was going to happen, give updates, and request that all trash containers and vehicles were off the streets scheduled to be sealed. These notifications were sent by mail and email, fliers were put in businesses and stuck in windshield wipers on vehicles. Also many phone calls were made.

Thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding as plans changed literally overnight.

Citywide Yard Sale Saturday, August 24, 2019

The citywide yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2019. If you are interested in having a yard sale on this date, please Call the City Office, 620-862-5317, or send an email to cityhall@haviglandtelco.com, so that your name can be added to the schedule and to the map that will be made with locations noted. These maps will be available in all the City businesses during the week prior to yard sale day.

History of the Konkel Home 502 E. Walnut

The Albert Davis family came to Kansas from Iowa and settled on a farm in Stafford County. In 1906 they moved to Haviland and bought property in the southeast part of town. On the 8.2 acres, a barn was built where the family of 11 lived until their house was built. There was a floor in half of the barn where the stove, table and chairs and eating quarters were. The family slept upstairs in the barn. Albert had no formal training in building, yet he built a two-story, eleven-room house with a beautiful stairway. It was a solid, well-built structure. He and his oldest son made cement blocks, which were used in building the two houses just west of his house. They were owned for many years by the Meisenheimers. They also built a store building located where the old Mobil station used to be.

The Davis family lived there about five years then left Kansas, moving to Colorado where they staked a claim and lived in a tent for a time. Louise Greiner and Velma Banbury were granddaughters of Albert Davis.

In 1910, Jeremiah (Jud) and Mary Evans bought the property. They had three children. Bud Evans, who made his home in the Haviland area, was their son.

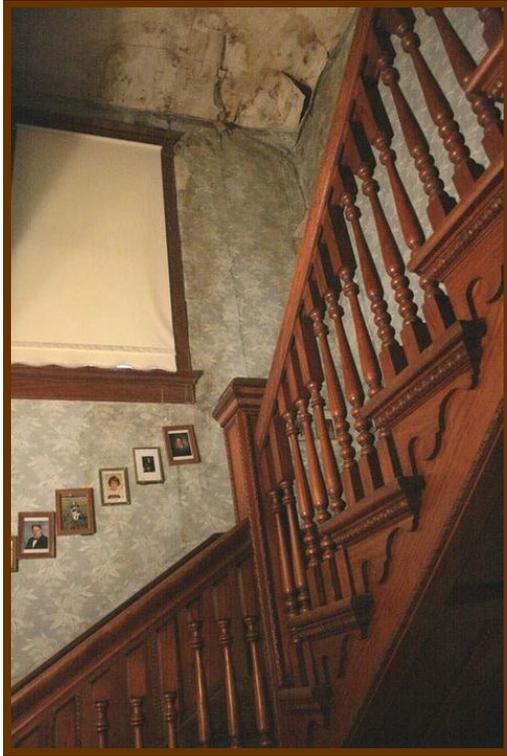
In 1921, the property was purchased by Edwin and Maggie Fankhauser, who moved there with their six children. Esther Stanfield of Haviland is the oldest daughter.

In 1935, Johnnie Rice bought the property for his daughter Gertrude Rice Konkel, her husband Dale and their nine children.

In 1980, the Konkel children gave their home to the Southwest Kansas Engine and Thresher Association to be used as a museum.



Front SW Sides of House - Shari McAfee - July 18, 2019



Beautiful staircase. - Google
Barn - Facebook
Back SE sides of house - Shari McAfee 7/18/2019
Back of barn, NE sides of house-Shari McAfee 7/18/2019



Dale Konkel Family



Back Row Left to Right: Marcheta, Johnnie, Fay, Eddie, Frankie, Wayne, Margaret
Front Row Left to Right: Joann, Gertrude, Dale, Mabel, Marthena

The family of Dale Konkel lived on a farm near Cullison. Dale's father, Samuel, was a preacher and farmer. A few miles down the road lived the family of Gertrude Rice. Gertrude's father, Johnnie R. Rice, was one of the first homesteaders of Pratt County.

Dale and Gertrude attended the Cullison schools and were childhood friends. They were married August 3, 1919, in the parlor of Gertrude's parents home. Gertrude wore a white wedding dress, which her mother made for her.

After living in several homes in Pratt and Kiowa counties, they moved to Haviland in 1938. The large 11-roomed house was bought by Gertrude's father and given to Gertrude and her children as their inheritance.

To this home Dale and Gertrude brought nine children. Eleven children had been born to them, but a son and a daughter died in infancy.

The house was immediately filled with laughter and the sound of many footsteps. The many windows, the beautiful stairway and six bedrooms were the outstanding features of the house. Curtain material was bought for five cents a yard, and soon the sewing machine was busy as the curtains were made. Almost all of the family's clothing was made by Gertrude. She enjoyed crocheting and made many doilies to decorate the house. The cellar was soon filled with canned fruit and vegetables to feed the large family.

The small farm contained horses, milk cows, chickens, hogs, and at times, mules. Dale's pride was in raising registered spotted Poland China hogs, and in caring for the farm.

Dale gave a willing hand in caring for the children. One job was to give each child a bath and send them to Gertrude to put their pajamas on and then tuck each one in bed. It was a happy home with lots of love, everyone helping out with the chores and caring for the younger children, but there was room for one more, and in the twelfth child

was born. It was an exciting place, with horses to ride, a sack swing in the haymow, bicycles, motorcycles and hotrods. One boy once went to roost with the chickens for the night. One of the girls fell down the cellar stairs and hung by her heels until someone came to free her. The windmill was good for a yo-yo with a long string. The boys once convinced the youngest girl that the turkey was a peacock, a conviction she still holds. One of the older girls once made cookies with salt instead of sugar.

The family attended Maple Friends Church and the Haviland Friends Church. The children attended Haviland schools, where at one time there were nine attending at once.

Gertrude's interests were her children, sewing, crocheting and Christmas. Sometimes there wasn't much under the tree but she always made it a very special day. Some of the fondest memories her children have are of Christmas.

Dale's interest outside the home was in the church, where he served in many capacities, as a Sunday school teacher, and speaker. His object lessons and talks reached many people. Dale started showing his hogs at county fairs in 1923. The high quality of hogs and his outstanding showmanship won plaques, trophies, and 2,488 ribbons at state fairs and livestock expositions in Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and the Kansas City Royal show.

A special time for Dale and Gertrude was when the grandchildren and great-grandchildren began to arrive. Each one was special.

Clarence Dale Konkel was born October 3, 1899 and died May 24, 1978. Gertrude Ellen (Rice) Konkel was born March 14, 1898 and died January 25, 1969.

Article in the 1979 Kiowa County History Book
By Marthena (Konkel) DeGarmo and Joann (Konkel) Parker

Konkel Brothers



Left to Right: Wayne, John, Fay, Ed, Frank

During World War II it became the custom for families of servicemen to display stars in their windows, honoring the mothers, especially, as Blue Star Mothers – or Gold Star Mothers if their sons were killed in battle.

If the custom had continued in the next decade, a Haviland family would have had a small constellation in their window. Thankfully, the stars would have all been blue.

If Gertrude Konkel worried for the safety of her five sons in uniform, she did so quietly. Wayne Konkel, Pratt, the youngest of the five, said his mother didn't listen to the news on the radio. "If I need to know anything, Dad (husband Dale), will tell me," he recalls his mother saying.

Fay was the first of the brothers to enlist, as World War II was still raging in Europe and the Pacific. He served as a tail gunner on an airplane in the U.S. Navy from May 1943 to May 1946.

In 1948, Johnny enlisted and served four years as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. His enlistment was extended because of what was termed a police action to contain the aggressive actions of the North Koreans, supported by the Soviet Union and China, against United Nations-backed South Korea.

Wayne related a story of his brother's service: As a training exercise, the 82nd Airborne "dropped into Alaska" (then a U.S. territory) and took over communications and transportation services. One purpose was to see how the residents would react – 80 percent of them didn't panic, Johnny told his family.

In 1950, Mrs. Konkel said one of her boys had to stay home, according to Trella Roland, the daughter of Ed, who served in the Army Reserves from 1950 to 1988.

Just before Johnny was discharged, Frank was drafted, and Wayne learned that he would be called up within the next few months. They elected to go in together, and took basic training at Fort Riley.

They arrived in Korea 30 days before the cease-fire was signed, and were both assigned to a heavy artillery company. Frank drove the self-propelled tanks and Wayne was a mechanic.

They also worked on tunnels, in case the unit had to fall back. They would chip holes in the earth for about five hours a day, then blast with dynamite. They worked five months on the tunnels, Konkel said.

Because he was also a driver for an officer, Wayne saw more of the country than his brother. What he recalls years later is the utter destruction of the country. A city that had previously been home to 150,000 people had about 10 buildings.

(Konkel Brothers continued from page 11)

He and others from his unit were assigned to teach Koreans to drive. It was a disaster, Konkel said, because most of the people walked and some drove mule-drawn wagons.

U.S. soldiers helped build a storage building for rice in a village where they knew people didn't have much to eat.

The country was real, real hot and real, real cold, Konkel said, with dirt as fine as face powder. At one point, the men in his unit had to travel quite a distance to get to a shower. You were dirtier when you got back than when you started out, he said, and it wasn't until they had a new commanding officer that they got their shower point back.

Konkel was able to call home twice during his 18-month deployment. He things Frank called a little more often because he was married.

Both brothers were discharged in 1954. At the end of World War II, servicemen were welcomed home as heroes. Not so for veterans of the Korean War – it wasn't even designated as a war – called instead a police action or the Korean Conflict.

The Korean War is a forgotten war, Konkel said, and Veterans Day is a forgotten holiday – nothing more than a day off work for some, and not even that for others.

“Our forefathers fought for our country,” Konkel said. “They put their lives on the line, they left their families behind. They left jobs, and some came back to no jobs.”

He also considers service in the Reserves to be on a par with active duty.

“I would not change my two years in Korea for Ed's 38 years,” he said. “He gave up vacation time to go to meetings and could have been called into action at any time.”

Three of the Konkel brothers returned to the Pratt area.

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November 11, 2014

Southwest Kansas Antique Engine and Thresher Association

The Southwest Kansas Antique Engine & Thresher Association was organized in 1965 with the Haviland Kiwanis Club as sponsor. Officers elected at the first meeting were Bill Arnett, President; Vern Davis, Vice President; Howard Ellis, Secretary-Treasurer. Board of Directors were: John Slattery, Spearville; Floyd Massoni, Kismet; R.D. Yoder, Yoder; Dean Chenoweth, Frank Schmidt, H.B. Scott, Lloyd Schmidt and Vern Wagner, Haviland.

The show is held the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday in August each year. Starting as a very small group and ending “in the red” the first few years, we are happy to say that it has grown into a large and successful show. Some of the working equipment attractions are the large 1913 Avery Undermount steam engine, 1921 Avery Yellow Kid thresher, 1922 14-28 HP Avery gasoline-kerosene tractor, saw mill, cornsheller, broom corn seeder and baler, grist mill, cook shack and many other smaller items.

Small antiques are displayed under a large tent, which provides chairs for resting, visiting, observing and “cooling off”. The public address system is also centered under the tent and helps in organizing public participation activities such as rolling pin throwing, hoop rolling and slow tractor contests. Other interests include an art and craft show, parachute jumping, special entertainment on Thursday evening, pony pull contest of Friday evening and the antique car parade and race on Saturday.

Loyal participants, Mr. and Mrs. Vaden Stroud, Hutchinson, bring their antique steam calliope. Mrs. Stroud plays it in the parades giving them a festive atmosphere and much enjoyment to everyone.

With an average daily attendance of four or five hundred, thousands have enjoyed a glimpse of the past. Bring your camera and enjoy the good times.

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**Velma Horner Stroud
At
Antique Calliope**

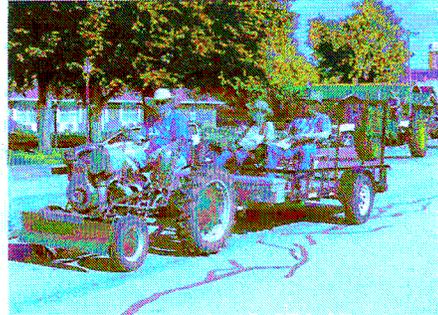
55TH "FAREWELL" SWKS ANTIQUE ENGINE & THRESHER SHOW
EDGETA BRANCH 50
502 E WALNUT HAVILAND KS (OLD KONKEL PLACE)
FREE ADMISSION

Fri & Sat, Aug 23 & 24, 2019

Saw Milling
Buzz sawing
Wood Planing
Wheat Threshing
Stationary Hay Baling
Rock Crushing
Antique Tractors & Equipment
Garden Tractors & Antique Vehicles
Baker Fan Testing
Small Engines
Flea Market (Bob 620-723-2770)
Vintage Sewing Machine Display
Displays in the 113-year-old House



Contact Dan (620-770-0498) Andy (620-408-5600)
Email: havilandthreshershow@yahoo.com
Facebook: SW KS Antique Engine & Thresher Show



Friday 23rd
Setup
Saturday 24th

Tractor Drive Around
On Show Grounds At 10
Demonstrations after drive around
Bean Feed at Noon
Old Iron Auction @ 3:00 PM
(Bob 620-723-2770)

For the Kids
Pedal Pull
(Sanctioned by Kowa County Farm Bureau)
Pedal Pull will start at 2:00 PM on Saturday!

Due to declining and aging membership this will be our final show,
Thank you to all our patrons and exhibitors
Concessions Available on Grounds
Camper Hookups Available
Not responsible for accidents!

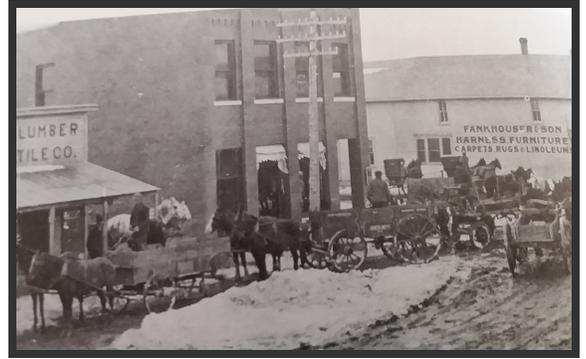
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In case you didn't catch from reading the above information about this year's thresher show, this will be the final one. After 55 years, an annual event in Haviland is coming to a close. If you are around on Saturday, August 24, you might want to take a little time and take in this final event.

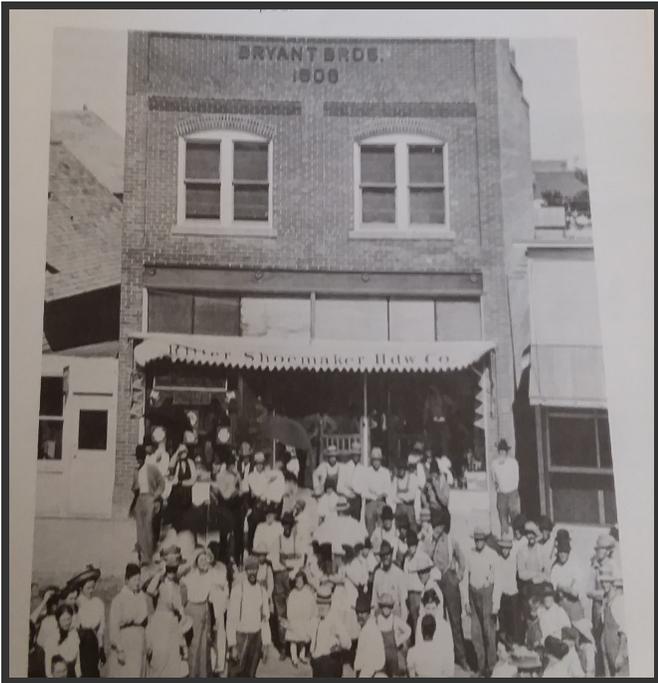
Photos From the Past



4th of July Celebration 1917



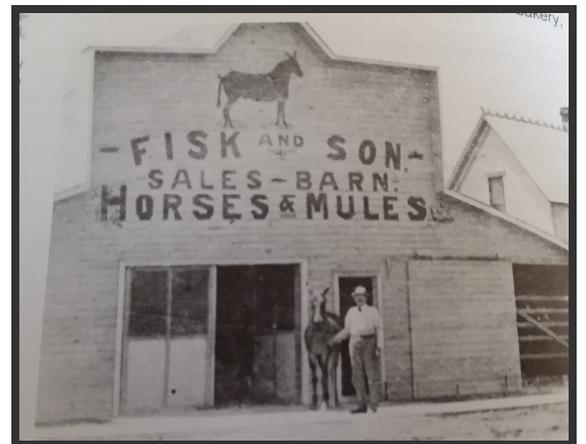
End of Coal Famine



Cake Day at Bryant Hardware



Early Haviland Grain Elevators



Wiley Fisk in Front of Horse and Mule Barn



Jacks' Chicken Business



Catalog Day at Haviland Post Office