



City Clips



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* * * Mayor's Musings * * *

Hello! Many of you know me, but many of you don't. So I thought I'd take some time to introduce myself. My name is Aaron Stokes and I moved here about a decade ago with my wife, Cassie, from Northeast Ohio to attend Barclay College. Together we have three daughters: Evelynnn (9), Nora (6) and Winnie (3, but if you see her she's quick to let you know she's almost 4).

Prior to moving here I served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee and earned a degree in culinary arts. I worked as a cook for a little while and loved it, but the lifestyle of a cook is one not necessarily suited to having a family. So I began searching for other options and came to the conclusion that I wanted one thing: to experience God. At a funeral I heard about this College out in Western Kansas and immediately knew that was where I needed to go.

After earning my bachelor's degree from Barclay, Cassie and I moved back home to Ohio. It was only about a year in that we began to feel like Haviland seemed more like home for us than the place where we were raised. So we picked up and moved back across the states to the place we fell in love with. I experienced (and still do) God in this place, but what we also found — and maybe it's the same thing — was a community that welcomed, loved, and shaped us for the better (even as I fought it at times).

This way of life is precious to me and my family. It's something that I don't just want to receive, but participate in and help create. I look forward to the next four years of being your mayor. Now that introductions are out of the way, I plan to share some ideas I have in next month's City Clips. In the meantime, though, don't be afraid to reach out to me with your own thoughts or concerns. I am eager to hear from you!

Aaron Stokes

Extra Trash/Recycle Carts

The trash and recycle carts behind City Hall that are leaning against the fire station are extras. Please do not remove them or place trash or recycle items in any of them. If you would like an extra trash or recycle cart, please contact the office. Do not remove any carts.

**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@havilandtelco.com.

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.

City of Haviland
620-862-5317
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If you have questions, concerns, complaints, anything that warrants the council's attention, please call the City Office at 620-862-5317 or email cityhall@havilandtelco.com. For water or sewer emergencies, call the office at 620-862-5317, Dan Woods at 620-770-0498 or Mayor Stokes at 862-511. If you plan to do any digging, call 1-800-DIG-SAFE (344-7233) before you dig.

CITY OF HAVILAND

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I am so old that when I was a kid,
rainbows were in black and white!



"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 City of Haviland now has two recycle dumpsters located south of the Barclay College shop on N. Lawrence St. 24/7. **BOTH ARE FOR CARDBOARD RECYCLING ONLY. NO TRASH!**

CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2ND
MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY
ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE
POSTED. PUBLIC WELCOME!

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Shhh!

A pious man reached his 100th birthday, and he suddenly stopped going to church. Concerned about his health, his pastor paid him a visit, and was surprised to find the man in exceptionally good shape.

“We’ve missed you in church lately,” the pastor said.

“Oh, I’m not coming anymore,” the man replied. “You know, I fully expected the Lord to take me at 90, and then at 95, but He didn’t. I think He’s forgotten about me, and I certainly don’t want to remind Him!”

Days We'll Never See Again

- ❖ When a Christmas present for under \$5 was enough to keep a kid busy for weeks.
 - ❖ Free glasses with a fill-up of gas.
 - ❖ A 3-cent stamp.
 - ❖ Double feature movies with selected short subjects.
- If only I still had**
- ❖ My 1939 Plymouth.
 - ❖ My decoder ring.
 - ❖ My daughter’s first Barbie doll (worth a fortune).
 - ❖ The chance to buy that lakeshore lot for \$2,000.



Historical Oddities

- John F. Kennedy, Anthony Burgess, Aldous Huxley, and C. S. Lewis all died on the same day.
- Officially, the longest war in history was between the Netherlands and the Isles of Scilly, which lasted from 1651 to 1986. There were no casualties.
- Thomas Paine was elected to the first post-revolution French parliament, despite not speaking a word of the language.
- William Howard Taft is the only U.S. President to come third in his campaign for re-election, losing to eventual winner Woodrow Wilson and fellow Republican Theodore Roosevelt.
- Technically Henry VIII had only two wives. Four of his marriages were annulled.
- King Richard II invented the handkerchief.
- The Parliament of Iceland is the oldest still acting parliament in the world. It was established in 930.
- Albert Einstein was offered the role of Israel’s second President in 1952, but declined.
- New Zealand was the first country to enfranchise women. It gave them the vote in 1895.
- The 27th amendment to the U.S. constitution took 202 years to ratify, having been proposed in 1789 and finally ratified in 1992.
- Tomatoes were considered poisonous for many years in Europe and they were grown for ornamental reasons only. In fact, the leaves and stems of tomatoes are poisonous (but they can be used in moderation for food flavoring).
- Soon after building started in 1173, the foundation of the Pisa tower settled unevenly. Construction was stopped, and was continued 100 years later. Therefore, the leaning tower was never straight.
- Ancient Egyptians used slabs of stones as pillows.
- People have been wearing glasses for about 700 years.

Random Flashes

From Haviland’s Fiftieth Anniversary special edition of the Journal, by Ethyle Ballard in 1956. It also was included in the 1979 Kiowa County History book.

Pioneer business men abandoned plans for sugar plant . . . Photo of young town shows orchards, Amick agent for Western Nursery Company of Lawrence . . . Haviland Academy tuition in 1905 fall session \$9.50; winter term, \$8.50; spring term \$7.00 . . . Milk delivery routes in town by Curt Woodward, Arthur Smitherman, Bob Burch . . . First child born in Haviland, Chester Carpenter . . . Hothouse plants by Helen Fruit in block west of Fankhauser Motor . . . Old town jail on Rodney Hannan property, last house on west side of South Main . . . Egg business on large scale with thousands of caged-layers, as projects of Herman Jacks, Leonard Mitchem, Robert Barnett and Ned Harmon . . . Indian scare of 1885 caused many to leave and return when rumor found false . . . fire of 1885 swept from Dodge City into Pratt County, ten to fifteen miles wide, close to later town site . . . Blizzard of 1886 most disastrous . . . Threatening tornado in 1928 changed course, destruction averted . . . Old-time building versatile as Variety Store, Cafe, Vernon Tucker Shop Repair, Apartment, Barber Shop; has traveled and rests near trees in pasture northeast of town. . . . Double anniversary celebrated in 1956, 70th of Town Company, 50th of Incorporation of Haviland . . . Large photo-spread in Bank and City Hall show Haviland “As It Was Then” in the early 1900’s.

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.

First Live Sports Telecast

Kiowa County Signal – January 26, 1977



Televising the basketball game at Haviland last Friday was a first for the cable network in that community. In charge of the telecast were, from the left: Kevin Frazier and Gary Clarkson, play-by-play; David Smitherman, sound and picture; and Dwight Smitherman, cameraman.

A live telecast of the Attica-Haviland High School basketball game Friday evening on channel 5 of Haviland cable television marked a first for the community in local origination programming. The basketball game was broadcast through the equipment of Haviland Cablevision Services, owned by David Smitherman of Haviland.

Gary Clarkson gave the play-by-play announcing, Kevin Frazier of Wichita presented the commentary and Dwight

Smitherman operated the camera. Clarkson, a senior at Baker University in Baldwin, did the broadcast as an independent study project in January for extra credit in his major in mass communications. He and Dwight Smitherman worked together on the program “as an experiment”.

Since cable television came to Haviland in 1975, a live church service each Sunday morning from either the Friends or United Methodist churches in Haviland has been broadcast over channel 5. In the past, local sports events were taped and later broadcast, but Friday night’s program was the first live sports program over the Haviland channel.

“Cable return trunks are installed at Friends Bible College, the high school and elementary school in addition to the churches for local programming and can be used in the future if needed,” Dwight Smitherman stated.

Programming Friday night was done in black and white and both action and stationery cameras were used. “The programming is very experimental but we believe we are performing a community service,” Smitherman added.

“There are many future possibilities for local cable broadcasting for a small community” Clarkson remarked. “This could eventually involve high school students in broadcasting, where there would be opportunities for students in this field that even larger schools don’t have.”

Smitherman said that the purpose of the broadcast Friday was to show the capabilities of local cable programming and to generate community interest.

Trivia – Useful and Otherwise

Crazy Characters From the Wild West

Charley Parkhurst – Charley Parkhurst was a stagecoach driver. That meant spending days battling bandits and traveling through thunderstorms while hauling up to 18 people in a rickety wooden box. Despite missing one eye, Charley knew how to handle the reins. It's said that the driver once crossed a raging river right before the bridge collapsed, stopped a runaway coach while being dragged through the brush, and even shot an outlaw who was holding up the coach. But a bad case of rheumatism eventually set in, forcing Charley to a life of ranching and lumbering. Parkhurst's last days were spent alone in a cabin before dying of cancer in 1879. Saddened, friends came to prepare the body for the funeral, and things took an odd turn. As the doctor started to undress Charley's body, he discovered that one of the best stagecoach drivers in California was secretly a woman. And since documents show that Charley registered for the 1868 election, One-Eyed Charley might have been the first woman to vote in California.

Forgotten Americans Who Made History

Roger Sherman – The atmosphere was tense in the meeting room that housed the Constitutional Convention on July 16, 1787. The future of America's fledgling government was at stake, and the delegates couldn't decide how to proceed. The main sticking point was representation in the newly proposed Senate. Naturally, delegates from the larger, southern states wanted representation to be based proportionally on the amount of financial and economic contribution states made to the federal government. Smaller states opposed this plan and wanted representation to be equal between all states. Enter Connecticut delegate Roger Sherman, the main promoter of the Connecticut Compromise. He and fellow Connecticut delegate Oliver Ellsworth proposed creating one house in which representation was based on each state's population and one in which each state received equal representation. The Constitutional Convention voted five to four to adopt Sherman's plan. Despite his crucial role in America's founding and the fact that he's the only person to sign all four documents from the American Revolution (the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the 1774 Continental Association), Roger Sherman is largely forgotten today.

Mysterious Lost Treasures of the World

Dutch Schultz Treasure – Dutch Schultz is one of the most famous mobsters in American history. He was a prohibition era gangster who ran in the same circles as guys like Lucky Luciano and Meyer Lansky. He was said to have amassed a massive fortune from his wicked deeds. His fortune vanished without a trace after he began to feel the heat of federal prosecution. It is believed that he decided to hide away his treasure somewhere in the Catskill Mountain range. When Shultz was gunned down in 1935, the location of his vast fortune died with him. There are different opinions about what happened to his treasure, or even how much there actually was. Most estimates put his fortune anywhere between five to ten million dollars, which he stashed away in an iron box somewhere in the heavily forested area of Phoenicia, New York. Some believe his treasure was hidden close to Esopus Creek, which could explain why it has never been found. Over the decades since Schultz hid away his fortune, the area has had numerous floods, which in all likelihood would have washed away the treasure. Still, it's interesting to think that a leisurely hike through that area of the Catskills could make you a millionaire.

Notorious Women in American History

Biddy Mason – Bridget "Biddy" Mason is famous for being the first African-American woman to own land in Los Angeles, but that pales in comparison to many of her other accomplishments. Biddy was born into slavery in Mississippi. In 1847, her owner, a newly converted Mormon named Robert Marion Smith, decided to strike out west like many other Americans. Biddy and her three daughters accompanied the Smith family, walking the entire way from Mississippi to Utah. Smith once again moved the family in 1851, this time to California. It was a move that forever changed Biddy's life. California was a free state. In 1856, Biddy was able to petition the courts to win freedom for herself and her three daughters. As a free woman, Biddy worked as a midwife and nurse, eventually saving enough money to buy a piece of property in 1866 for \$250. She continued to conduct various businesses and make real estate deals that eventually netted her a fortune of \$300,000. But Biddy was as big a philanthropist as she was an entrepreneur. She used her wealth to found the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, which was the first black church in Los Angeles. Biddy also gave freely to local charities and was so prominent within the community that a Biddy Mason memorial was established in 1989.

Astonishing Accounts of the Old American West

A Failed Revolution – In December 1826, Benjamin Edwards and a force of 30 men rode into Nacogdoches, Texas, which was owned by Mexico. Edwards declared himself the ruler of the Republic of Fredonia and intended to seize the region. He had hoped that his efforts would be supported by the Anglo residents. To strengthen his defense against the Mexican soldiers, Edwards negotiated an agreement with the Cherokee under which he would share Texas with them in exchange for military aid. However, the revolt disintegrated when the Mexican militia arrived six weeks later. Realizing his rebellion had failed, Edwards fled to the U.S. for sanctuary. In 1835, a more victorious revolution took place and established the independent Republic of Texas. Texas joined the Union as its 28th state in 1845.

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 or by phone for your monthly water/sewer/trash bill. You can also sign a form so that your card can automatically be charged each month. The form is available at the office.

Haviland's Valuable Assets A Business Characterization

Haviland Review – March 11, 1920

I want to speak of some of the desirable assets of Haviland. First are her splendid schools; we might with propriety say she is a city of schools. We are proud of her classics. The Bible Training School occupies a very important place in educational and Christian training. The High School is a highly creditable place of instruction; its students are bright and active in educational work. Our grade schools are peer of any similar sized town in the state. The faculties of these schools are first class educators and are unsurpassed.

Coming to the business section of this city we take off our hats to nobody. Our professional offices are well occupied by Dr. L. D. Mitchell in Dentistry, and Drs. N. G. Bennett and P. F. Wesley, in the practice of medicine. They are gentlemen of ability, as evidenced by their successful practices.

Our grain elevator business is large and is ably handled by the Farmers Co-operative Company and the Kansas Flour Mills Co., and they make Haviland a good grain market.

In the person of H. H. Dayton we have one of the most accommodating station agents on the Rock Island system.

With two good lumber yards, the trade is well cared for by George Kelly, a thoroughbred in the business, Manager of the Haviland Lumber & Merc. Co., and Jesse C. Overman handling the A. H. Hill Yard.

The garage business is well taken care of by the Haviland Motor Company, and the Cannonball Garage, the former under the management of W. P. Ellis, who handles the full Ford line, including Fordson Tractors, also the Delco Lighting System. The latter caters to auto and tractor repair work, with Earl Hammond in the office and the Green brothers and Chester Carpenter busy all the day in the back shop.

On the west side of Main Street are five mercantile firms, namely, W. L. Baer & Son, who specialize in fancy groceries. They are not the grizzly variety, but pleasant, agreeable gentlemen.

Next you will find the best stock of drugs along the line, the Haviland Drug Co., P. A. White Manager. This enterprising firm also sells a lot of talking machines.

The Phillips Hardware Co. is next with a big stock of hardware, harness and furniture, and they are fine people to deal with.

Then next door is Brinkley's bee hive of activity in the dry goods, notions and jewelry.

The next door is the oldest firm in town, the L. J. Woodard Mercantile Company, where you can buy anything in the merchandise line.

On the next block is the tonsorial parlor conducted by Eaton & Meisel; the City Bakery ably managed by James Reeder and his efficient wife;

the Meat Market, operated by J. W. McNutt; and the Ladies Style Shop, presided over by Bertha B. Couch. All are very successful in their line.

On the next block is the Country Club Hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. Newt Elledge make a specialty of serving well prepared meals with good rooms and beds for their guests. On the opposite side of the street are Fankhouser & Son, who sell harness and furniture; White & Burt, general merchandise; and Bryant Brothers big hardware store.

We also have good painters and decorators, L. L. Elliott, Albert Hockett and V. M. Wylie.

Charles Amick deals in all sorts of junk and buys everything offered.

Our draymen, John Schaul & Son, are equal to all demands.

D. E. Winters, H. F. Siler and H. G. Cosand sell real estate and offer bargains.

Speaking of banking houses, Haviland has one you can tie to. The First National of Haviland is the equal of any in the county. Bard E. Matthews, the cashier, has grown in public favor as the business has expanded. J. Gordon Bennett, assistant cashier, is also a valuable asset to the institution.

A new building is being constructed to house another bank to which H. D. White will bring into activity his business ability as its cashier.

The city has two churches. The Methodist, pastored by J. R.

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Hamilton, a gentleman of rare intellectual attainments, and the Friends church, with a large membership, but has no regular pastor at the present time.

Our Telephone Exchange is a worthy institution.

Joe Gause and Milus Cope are competent carpenters and builders.

Howard Cope will take your order for the best suit of clothes on the market, or clean and press your old suit and make it look like new.

Homer Crebs is the cement artist who knows the ins and outs of the business.

Last but not least is our own newspaper. We have had much experience in this line, to our regret, and we are safe in saying that the Harvey family is giving us the best newspaper that has ever been published in this city. Every family in the eastern third of the county should receive and read it every week.

It is a correct index of the business enterprise of the city and we are helping to make it better or to make it depreciate. The men who succeed best are the most liberal and persistent advertisers.

The publisher does not know this is being written therefore I make this statement on my own responsibility, that they are putting into the paper the labor of three competent persons for the salary, above cost of publication of only one of them, and those who have withdrawn their advertising patronage, and others who have been withholding their patronage, are helping to cripple the home paper. There is limit to putting in more than comes in and the result must be less labor which means a smaller paper, and I am sure that none of us want to go back to the old Onlooker half printed two pages of print, as is possible without a united support.

A Subscriber

Article By Howard Kendall About Haviland

Howard grew up on a farm south of Haviland. The city of Mullinville was his home for most of his life and he started the Mullinville weekly paper, The Merchant's Directory. His son Paul now publishes the MD. This article was published in The Merchant's Directory years ago.

When I was a little tyke growing up on the farm in the 1920's, a trip to town was a highlight of the week. I remember the grocery stores, hardware stores, harness shop, barber shop and Aunt Myrtle and Uncle Jim's bakery, among others.

The grocery stores I remember were W. L. Baer's and the Citizens Store. Mr. Baer was a sort of Santa Claus man and he loved little kids, giving them treats. Later the Williams brothers Ray and Forrest bought the store and ran it for many years, until they both died.

The Citizens Store had dry goods and clothing in addition to their main line, groceries. The cashier sat in a raised platform about eight feet square with a rail around it. If one of the clerks made a sale they put the ticket and money in a little cup, screwed it into a gismo on some wires above, pulled a handle and the cup zoomed up the wires to the cashier. Her name was Miss Lindsey, and she appeared to my young eyes to have been in that cubicle a long time.

A person didn't have to run all over the store to pick up what they needed. The clerk wrote your list of wants on a sales pad and then proceeded to take things off the shelves and place them on the counter in front of you. You paid for them with cash and if the order was large the clerk helped load it in the car.

The bakery always had the best smells. The baker got up in the early morning hours in order to have the bread baked and on the shelf by eight o'clock. They also served lunches, and had a candy case that wouldn't quit. A soda fountain was always a great attraction.

In those days, many people drove wagons and buggies to town. They were parked in areas back of the stores, where the horses waited while the folks shopped. Saturday was the big day for farm folks and merchants alike, because after a week's worth of produce, like chickens, butter, eggs, vegetables, it was time set for trading these items for things they couldn't produce on the farm.

Life was simple in those golden times. Things were real, not imitation. A dollar was a dollar and wasn't less taxes. What you saw, is what you got.

Straps For Nisly Carts

A few weeks ago, Nisly placed (on the right front side) a strap on the carts that were placed out for pick up. These straps keep the lids closed on windy days.

If your trash or recycle carts do not have these straps, please contact the City Office, 620-862-5317, cityhall@havigandtelco.com or stop by the office.

A list will be compiled and you will be notified of a date for adding these straps.

They really do work!