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HENNESSEY EAGLES... NOT THOSE EAGLES



THERE IS A NEW MAYOR IN TOWN

At the beginning of the Thursday, April 13th regular meeting of the Hennessey Board of Trustees, Katy Walters swore in the two returning board members, Bert Gritz and Clif Vogt, and the newly elected Randy Bohnstedt. Kelley Vaverka was also sworn in at the same time as the new town Clerk.

The board then voted to make Clif Vogt the mayor. You can watch the entire Board of Trustees meeting at <u>AllAboutHennessey.com</u>



Everyone in Hennessey is familiar with our Hennessey Eagles. But not many are aware of the other Hennessey Eagles. Hennessey is home to several pairs of American Bald Eagles living on the town's fridges. For the past 5 years or so there have been many sightings of American Bald Eagles near Hennessey. The large birds are new to the state, as little as 30 years ago there were no eagles in Oklahoma.

In 1978, eagles were formally listed as an endangered species in all 48 contiguous states in the United States. At the lowest point, only 417 breeding pairs of eagles were known to exist in the country.

In 1984, There were no known eagles in Oklahoma when the non-profit Sutton Avian Research Center opened in Bartlesville. The Research Center brought eagle eggs from Florida, raised them here in Oklahoma, and then released the young birds in the Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge. Today, there are 249 documented eagle nests in the state. Many of these birds stay year-round and return to nest and raise their young.

Hennessey landowners with eagle nests are very protective of their eagle families so we are not specifying exactly where the nests are located. The family of eagles All About Hennessey photographed appeared to have three eaglets in the nest along with their parents. When we were there it appeared that the young were not yet flying. One of the parents always stayed in the nest while the other flew off hunting for food. Photos by Jack Quirk.

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HHS Baseball v. Newkirk 4/14/23

Hennessey Eagles Baseball earned their two-game sweep of the Newkirk Tigers in dramatic fashion, first with a come-from-behind 5-4 victory on Thursday night, then with a 12-3 thrashing of the Tigers on their senior night in Newkirk.

Trailing 1-0 in the 5th inning in game one, Senior CF Seth Simunek tied things up scoring on an RBI line drive base hit by Westyn Hopkins. Two hitters later, Senior Sebastian Gonzalez gave the Eagles their first lead with an RBI bases loaded walk. Freshman Catcher Hayden Hubbard followed with a single that scored 2 before Gonzalez scored, himself, on a passed ball.

The Tigers answered with 3 runs in the top of the 6th to trim the Eagles lead to 1. In that inning, Newkirk's 2nd baseman Kyson Thiel was ejected for arguing a strike three call. That would become a big factor in how this game concluded.

Fast-forward to the top of the 7th and the Eagles clinging to a 5-4 lead, Freshman Jarrett Smith, on the mound in relief of starter Jakob Johns, got the first two Tigers out with a ground out and a strikeout before giving up a two-strike double to Newkirk's #1 hitter. With the tying run in scoring position, in steps the Tiger's replacement for the previously ejected Thiel. At this point, Hennessey Head Coach Matthew Fuksa has a discussion with the home plate umpire, then with the field umpire joining in. Upon the conclusion of the discussion, the umpires turned and called the replacement batter out for "illegal, unreported substitute," as the Tiger's head coach Blake Dunlap failed to report this player's entry as a proper substitute. Game over. Eagles win 5-4.

Hubbard led the Eagles at the plate going 2 for 4 with 2 RBI. Hopkins and Kevin Trillo were the only other Eagles with hits in the game, as the team only mustered 4 total, but did walk 10 times.

Jarrett Smith, now 4-2 on the season, earned the win in relief, pitching 3 2/3, allowing 4 hits, 3 runs, 2 BB, striking out 4.

Game 2 of the series was the Sebastian Gonzalez show. With both his bat and his arm, Sebas' put the Eagles on his shoulders and led them to a decisive victory.

Newkirk's #1, Tucker Beaston, who had an outstanding day on the mound himself – going 5 complete, walking only 1 Eagle, and striking out 11, had no answer, however, for Sebastian Gonzalez, who went 2 for 3 with 2 runs scored and 5 RBI – 4 of those runs batted in coming off 1 swing of the bat, as Gonzalez hammered his 2nd grand slam home run in the past week, a line shot over the left-center field wall, turning on a 2-2 fast ball that flipped a 1-run game into what would become a 12-3 statement victory.

Sebastian, now 2-1 with a 1.346 ERA, followed that up with his best game on the mound this season, allowing only 1 hit, 0 earned runs, and striking out a season-high 13 opposing batters.

Sophomore Hunter Weber earned the 2-inning Save (the Eagles' first of the season), striking out 1 and allowing no hits and no walks.

To cap things off for the evening in Newkirk, Hennessey Freshman Darren Lara pounded a 3-run inside the park home run for the Eagles Junior Varsity, with Cam Griffin getting the JV win in relief.

The Eagles (10-11 Overall, 5-5 District) move to 5th in Class 3A-1 with series against the district's bottom two teams, Blackwell and Millwood, coming up this week. Game 1 with the Blackwell Maroons is this Monday night, with a 5 pm first pitch at Jack Funderburg Field.



31 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE NOC INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET.

First - third receive medals and, if they are juniors or seniors, they are offered a scholarship. If they placed in the top 5, they advance to the Tournament of Champions.

The following is a list of students that qualify for the Tournament of Champions: Brooklyn Harris - 2nd, Agriculture, Jessin Hardin - 5th, Algebra II 3rd, Chemistry, Nayelly Valles - 1st, American History, Savanna Mendoza - 1st, Art, Peyton Moery - 2nd, Chemistry 1st, English II, Aidan Hardin - 3rd, Computer Science 4th World Geography, Taylor Ladwig - 3rd, English II 1st, Government, Laura Ullery - 4th, English III, Ronny Calva Robles - 2nd, English IV, Addison Null-Kelly -3rd, Government, Valarie Holguin - 5th, Math Analysis, Adal Marquez -3rd, Nutritional Science, Kaden Kennedy - 2nd, Oklahoma History, Jessi Pickle - 4th, Oklahoma History 2nd, World History, Kate Curran - 4th, Geometry 5th Spanish I, Yaritsa Rascon - 3rd, Geometry, Jayden Hladik - 5th Word

Betty Tyree Retirement

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Betty Tyree from Hennessey Nursing & Rehabilitation Care Center. Betty has given us 20 wonderful years. She has worked in various positions but most recently has served as our Activities/Social Service Director.

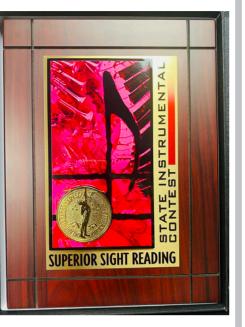
The facility will be holding a Come & Go Reception on April 28 from 1:30 to 3:30.

Friends & family are welcome to come wish Betty a Happy Retirement as we celebrate her & her dedication to our residents.

BAND BRINGS HOME AWARDS

On April 1st The Pride of Hennessey Band was awarded the Distinguished Academic Achievement Award by the OSSAA for having an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The group had an overall GPA of 3.615. 5 band members have a 4.0 GPA.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade combined bands performed at the Seiling Music Festival and earned a unanimous Superior rating. The adjudicators were Ray Bell from Woodward, Gary Shults from Edmond, and Jim Parham from Perry. The band also had 8 soloists who performed. Their ratings are as follows: Eli Moery, horn solo: 1, Brandon Lopez, flute



solo: 1+, Valentine Marquez, Bari sax solo: 1, Chase Horton, Snare drum solo: 1, Jeremy Rayburn, trumpet solo: 1-, Julianne Matousek, flute solo: 1, Levi Ferrell, Tenor sax solo: 1-, Sammy Sosa, flute solo: 1-.





The Hennessey Speech & Debate team competed in the State Tournament held at The University of Tulsa.

Here are the results: 3A Standard Oratory: Taylor Ladwig 8th place 3A Domestic Extemporaneous: Taylor Ladwig 3rd place , Laura Ullery 6th place



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Austin Owens



Honor



Brandon Mendoza



Larissa Macy





Hunter Hubbard

Thomas Gerrior

Maria Flores



Kaydence Hix



Keeley Gallia Valedictorian Commendation



Allison Ferrell Valedictorian, Certificate of Distinction



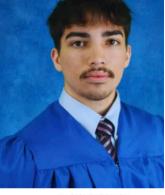
Tyson Chalmers



Brylee Catlett Honor



Laura Calvert Valedictorian Commendation



Caleb Ashlock







Yarely Castanon

Ronny Calva - Robles





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Kayla Wyrick Honor



Kamber Wells



Edwin Villalba



Kenna Pendergraft Honor



Valedictorian



Honor





Chloe Moery Valedictorian Commendation



Regan Sturgill





Jennifer Rea



Langston Smith



Honor

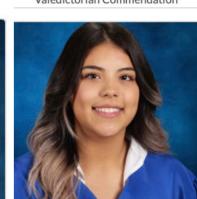
Julio Ramirez



Yuridia Rios Valedictorian Commendation



Noelle Pollard Valedictorian Commendation



Clara Luevanos



Sebastian Gonzalez



Julissa Fraire

POLICE REPORT APRIL 10-17

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Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00	Lopez Camarena
Speeding 21-25 Over	\$267.00	Schrayer, Anthor
Failure to Obey Official Traffic Control Device	\$197.00	Nicholas, Brader
Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State	\$265.00	Grant, Marcus D
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Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00	Avilla, Eduardo d
No Drivers License Issued	\$365.00	Avilla, Eduardo d
Allowing Unlicensed Driver to Drive	\$365.00	Ramirez, Sandra
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04/12/23 - Report of animal abuse of the geese at Bullfoot park. Witness reported seven to eight juvenile males throwing rocks at the animals and possibly smashing their eggs.

04/12/23 - Assistance with locked vehicle

04/15/23 - Arrested for possession of meth, cocaine, and a torch lighter were Yeyson Villalba Rodelsas of Mesa Arizona and Alex Villalba of Hennessey. They were stopped due to an expired tag. An open beer container sitting on the backseat initiated a search of the vehicle which turned up the drugs. Both were booked in the Kingfisher County Detention Center and their car was towed.

04/15/23 - Arrest on warrants out of Canadian county, Marcus Dewayne Grant

INJURED BY HORSE

David Jones was thrown from his horse Friday morning (April 14) which resulted in a back injury. LifeEMS responded to a location west of Hennessey, and requested a medical helicopter for transport. Hennessey Firefighters established a landing zone on an oil well pad a short distance from the Jones property. A MediFlight helicopter arrived at 11:45 am, then transported to INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Thankfully David is going to be okay, he suffered a small compression fracture, a hematoma, and bruised lungs.



KINGFISHER COUNTY WILDLAND FIRE TASK FORCE

The Kingfisher County Wildland Fire Task Force connects the fire departments from Kingfisher, Hennessey, Okarche, Dover, Big 4, Omega, and Cashion to support each other if a neighboring county needs assistance. The Kingfisher Wildland Fire Task Force provides backup when a jurisdiction is affected by a devastating wildland fire and all of its resources have been exhausted or may not be sufficient to contain the flames. This ensures that no single county or area has to deploy all its assets for firefighting. Although these fire departments have helped each other in the past, the task force provides an organized approach to the efforts.

When a catastrophic fire takes place in a neighboring community, Ryan Deatherage, the task force coordinator, Kingfisher County 911 Director, and Deputy Director of emergency management, calls for the Kingfisher County Fire Task Force to assemble and determine the necessary resources and personnel that should be dispatched. This way, they can help out while still keeping some supplies in reserve should they need to use them at home.

Fire departments lend a helping hand to other jurisdictions knowing that if they ever need help, the favor will be repaid. When the fire departments help with a fire that meets the guidelines established by FEMA, they can be eligible for reimbursement from the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) Program. Other than the possible funding from FEMA, there is no financial gain that comes with being part of the task force.

On April 1st, the Kingfisher County Wildland Fire Task Force sent a team out to the Simpson Road fire in Logan County in response to an ongoing fire. This was their first assignment since the task force had been reorganized. Later, on April 4th, another group was dispatched to Longdale to provide additional assistance to other departments including Dewey, Grant, Lincoln, and Woods counties, as well as Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management & Prevention, Alfalfa County Task Force, Major County Task Force, Oklahoma Forestry Services, Blaine County Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Canton-Longdale Ambulance Service, and Major County EMS.

If you would like to support your local fire department, they are always accepting donations of bottled water, sports drinks, snacks, etc.

Photos from Kingfisher County Emergency Management



CSB CARD CHANGES

Community State Bank is transitioning from Mastercard to VISA. In addition to improving fraud protection, new card designs will be offered. You won't see any changes to the way you use your card. Customers of CSB will need to obtain a new card.

There are many new design options to choose from, including primary consumer card designs, wheat, cows and school spirit cards. These include your Hennessey Eagles, Dover Longhorns and Cashion Wildcats. When you select a school spirit card and use it, a percentage will be donated to the school system.

April 25th is the deadline to choose a design of choice. If you do not contact the bank to select a card design, you will receive a standard card design. All new cards will be issued the first week of May.

All current MasterCard cards will stop working on May 15th as the transition takes effect. For more information or to select your new card design, visit Community State Bank!



FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE

The topic of out-of-town food trucks operating in Hennessey has been simmering for about two years and received some attention at last week's Town Trustees meeting. The board asked the town attorney to look into an ordinance restricting out-of-town food trucks in city limits.

The issue was out-of-town operators coming into town and taking business away from our restaurant owners with brick-and-mortar establishments, employees, and paying taxes. Over the past few months, a Chick-fil-A food truck based in Stillwater has been coming to Hennessey and parking directly across the street from several of our local restaurants. One restaurant owner commented, "This is just rude."

The 30-minute discussion debated the fee, how close they should be allowed to park to other businesses, and if it was a fundraiser or a forprofit business. The board and the audience agreed that a business with a Hennessey water bill proving they owned the property should be exempt from a fee. The board agreed to table the subject until they could ask the town attorney more questions and make a change to the ordinance.

You can see the entire board meeting video at AllAboutHennessey.com

OVERNIGHT REPAIRS

It was all hands on deck Thursday, April 13th while the Hennessey Public Works crew worked through the night on two water lines. They started at N. Oak and E. Iowa, then on to 6th and Bonita Street for the 2nd.

In order to minimize the impact on the town it was decided to work overnight turning off the water at 9:00 pm and completing all of the work at about 3:00am.



Thank you from Bert Gritz

I wish to thank everyone who came out and voted this past election. I am humbled and honored that you have placed your confidence and support in me as a town trustee.

In addition, I would like to thank Town Administrator Tiffany Tillman, Town Clerk Kati Walters, and Trustee Richard Simunek for their service to our community.

I am looking forward to continued progress for Hennessey!



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Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 20 State Math Testing (4th grade) (Day 1/2) 1st grade Field Trip FFA - Freshman & Animal Science Quiz Bowl - Enid 12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe 4:30 – 6:30pm JH Baseball vs Fairview (Home) 7:00 – 7:30pm RED CARPET NIGHT Hennessey Public Library Auditorium

> Friday, April 21 State Math Testing (4th grade) (Day 2/2)

Chorus - OSSAA State Solo/Ensemble Contest 10am Library opens late (in-house training)

Saturday, April 22 Cruising Oklahoma Hennessey Edition Heartland Music Festival 10am – 4pm HS Track @ Cherokee 1 – 4pm HS Baseball vs Millwood (H)

Monday, April 24 Crusin' Oklahoma Hennessey Edition Boys Golf Qualifier 4:30 – 6:30pm JH Baseball vs Pioneer (Away) 5 – 7pm Sr. Night - HS Baseball vs Pioneer (H) 7 – 8pm Spring Band Concert

Tuesday, April 25 State Math Testing (3rd grade) (Day 1/2) State Testing ELA (4th grade) (Day 1/2) 5th-8th ELA Testing Girls Golf Regionals 4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Public Library 4:45 – 6:30pm JH Baseball vs Crescent (Away)

Wednesday, April 26 State Math Testing (3rd grade) (Day 2/2) State Testing ELA (4th grade) (Day 2/2) 5th & 8th Writing Test 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime (ages 6 – 7pm Special School Board Meeting

Thursday, April 27 HS Baseball District (Day 1/3) 5th-8th Testing Makeup Days (Day 1/2) HS Softball Regionals (Day 1/2) State Testing Makeup Day (3rd-4th grade) (Day 1/2) 12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe

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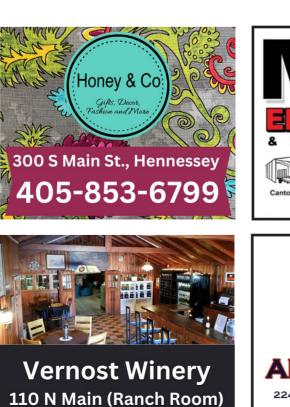




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HENNESSEY NURSING AND REHAB IS NOW LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you have a green thumb & love working the soil? Are you thinking of volunteering in the community? Then Hennessey Nursing & Rehab has the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. We are looking for someone to help our residents put in a vegetable garden. We already have a small area dedicated to a veggie patch but we need some help. Stop by today or call Julie at the Care Center for more info Contact Julie, Jill or Rachel 405-853-4390 705 East 3rd, Hennessey

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