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## THIS YEARS HALL OF FAMERS

This year Hall of Fame candidates were nominated for the Hall of Fame and the class of 2023 HOF selection committee chose Valerie and Bert. Each year, the HHS Graduating Senior class selects two candidates for the HHS Hall of Fame award chosen from nominations submitted this year and/or submissions carried over from previous years. The HHS Hall of Fame honors those former graduates and educators of Hennessey Schools who have excelled in a career, contributed to society, and serve as an inspiration to students, alumni, and the community. Our goal is to honor those persons no longer associated with the Hennessey school system who have enriched their surroundings.

**John R. "Bert" Gritz** was born in Enid and has been a lifelong resident of Hennessey. He graduated from Hennessey High School in 1975. He owned Bert's Kwik Shop in Waukomis for thirteen years before pursuing a degree in mortuary science. He purchased Cordry-Sisson Funeral Home in 1998. Bert earned his bachelor's Degree in Mortuary Science from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1999 and later earned his Master's Degree in Counseling from Oklahoma City University in 2018. Bert has served on the Hennessey Fire Department from 1978 to present. Bert was a Nationally Registered EMT Advanced for twenty years and was the EMS administrator for many of those years. He was elected to the Town Board of Trustees in 1979 and was appointed mayor in 1981, the youngest mayor in Oklahoma's history. He served until 1983. He ran and was elected to the Town Board of Trustees again in 2003 and has served on the town board since that time. During that tenure, he has served several terms as mayor.



He is a member of First Christian Church, Hennessey Lions Club, and a board member of Hennessey United. Bert loves antique and classic cars and his hobby is working on and restoring them. Bert married his wife Kim in 2021 and has three children; two step-sons and seven grandchildren.

**Valerie Shamburg.** Ms. Shamburg moved to Hennessey in 1974. During high school, she was a member of the basketball team, chorus, Future Teachers of America, National Honor Society, Newspaper, and Spanish Club.

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## SCOTT EARNS ADVANCED EMT

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) is a level of EMS licensure between basic EMT and a paramedic. AEMTs have more protocols or skills they can perform and have completed in-depth training in anatomy, physiology, and medications. AEMTs can perform additional skills such as starting IVs, administering certain fluids and medications, and Endo-Tracheotomy Intubations.

Hennessey Firefighter Brandon Scott said, "I was very blessed to be accepted into the Heartland Medical Direction AEMT program and to receive a scholarship that paid for the class."



This in-depth training ran from December 2022 through April 2023. In addition to the bookwork, he completed 60 hours of ambulance clinicals, 40 hours of Emergency Room clinicals, and IV and surgical clinicals. Within the clinicals, he had to complete a certain number of various patient contacts with specific ailments and had to perform a certain number of each intervention. In conjunction with clinicals, he attended class every Saturday to practice the skills. The testing included IVs, Intubations, Medical Assessment, Trauma Assessment, Supraglottic Airways, CPR with AED, and bleeding management with a tourniquet.

Scott said, "We had to pass the class with an 80% or above to be approved to take the National Cognitive Exam (written test) and the National Psychomotor Exam (skills test). Once both exams were passed, I received my National AEMT license. Then I qualified to receive my Oklahoma state license. Every two years, I will have to have so many hours of Continuing Education Units (CEU) to maintain my license."

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## Obituaries

### Callie Sue (Matthews) Mullins Walker

#### DOVER

Callie Sue (Matthews) Mullins Walker was born in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma on April 27, 1956 to William Abraham and Callie Ann (Nickell) Matthews and was reunited with them in Heaven on May 1, 2023. Sue was the second oldest of nine children and after the passing of both of their parents, Sue truly became the Matriarch of the Matthews family. She and her siblings attended schools in Enid and Hennessey before the family settled permanently in Dover, Oklahoma. Sue graduated from Dover High School in 1974. She married David Mullins in Kingfisher in 1975 and together they had three children: Kerry, Missy and David.

From a very young age, Sue was one of the hardest working and most creative women to ever grace this Earth. As a single mom after her divorce, Sue often worked two and three jobs at a time to provide for her children. Sue loved cooking and baking and was exceptionally talented at both. Her custom birthday cake, cupcake and wedding cake creations were known throughout the area, and she spent many years cooking in local cafes and at the Kingfisher Elks Lodge. Sue was an amazing businesswoman who handled the chaos of an office like an absolute champ. She worked at Dover Well Service for many years and was the Office Manager of Wellco Tank Trucks in Dover for well over two decades. Sue was also an amazing seamstress and used her talents to create endless matching outfits for her young daughters and spent many years sewing for others as well.

Sue loved Jesus, her family, Leopard print, jewelry, spending time with her precious grandbabies Carson and Cara, chocolate, fishing, going way too fast on jet skis, going on Jamaican cruises, going on adventures with her best friend Patsy Amos (they called themselves Thelma and Louise), chocolate, joyriding in helicopters, being a secret Santa, OBSESSED with online Boutique Shopping, Snapchat streaks with Cara Grace, and did we mention chocolate? Sue was a true light in our family. She was caring, loving, protective, stubborn and absolutely, unequivocally hilarious. She will be truly missed by all who loved her.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Callie and Abe; nephew Joe Matthews, nieces Khillian Terry and Lori Matthews, her best friend Patsy Amos, best friend/cousin Della Jenkins and one angel grandbaby, August Noelle.

Sue is survived by daughter Kerry Kennedy of Dover, Oklahoma; daughter Melissa Mullins and fiancé Travis Curtis of Dover, Oklahoma; and son David, his wife Jessica and grandchildren Cara Grace and Carson Jacob Mullins, all of Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Additionally, Sue is survived by her sisters Connie (Mark) Phelan and Karla Matthews and brothers Willie (Michelle) Matthews, Billy (Tammy) Matthews, Ricky (Tammy) Matthews, Rex (Deb) Matthews, Mike (Amanda) Matthews, and Randy Matthews and many, many nieces and nephews that she loved so much. Sue is also survived by bonus daughters Stephanie (Scott) Ferrell and Nicole (Eric) Eaton and bonus grandchildren Sam, Zak, Keelen and Channing Eaton and Madison, Mia and Christian Ferrell.

Private Visitation will be held on May 4, 2023 at 5 PM. Services for Callie Sue Walker will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 5, 2023; at Kingfisher First Baptist Church in Kingfisher, Oklahoma; officiated by Jimmy Berkenbile and under the direction of Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home of Hennessey.

Sue's family would like to offer our heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring of love and support shown to us in this difficult time.



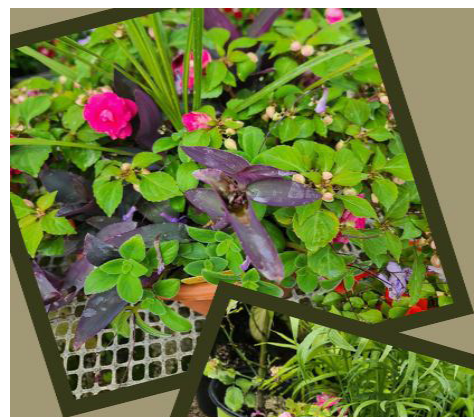
## GAVIOTAS RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING

Friends, family, and customers gathered Friday morning, May 5th, at the new Gaviota's Mexican Grill for the official ribbon cutting. Hennessey Mayor Cliff Vogt was on hand for the ribbon cutting and to congratulate them on their new business. Gaviota's is now open with a full menu at 112 N Main St, Monday - Saturday 11-9 pm.



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## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK, SWEETSPOT AUTO

There are some new faces on Main Street in Hennessey. An opportunity fell in the lap of two local ladies, Emily Harak and Destinie Robertson. One that neither one was expecting but an adventure they were both eager and ready for.

Emily, along with her husband Landon, bought Eagle Auto Supply back in November 2022. With the recent retirement of Mark Bergenzer, the previous owner of Hennessey Auto, Landon had a vision of combining the two parts stores into one. Landon Harak and Colby Robertson are partners and operate R&H Auto in Hennessey. With their days already busy, it was up to their wives to run the parts store.

Emily was initially cautious about taking over the part store as they just purchased Eagle Auto. She says, "I didn't know if I wanted to do this at first, so I was leaving it up to Destinie to decide, and here we are." Destinie had zero hesitation as it was a no-brainer for her and stated, "Stay at home mom, to heeey, we are doin' this!" And with that, Sweetspot Auto Supply was born on April 1st, 2023. They took the idea that Landon had and combined the two parts stores. So you will have all your auto part needs in one convenient location.

The wives are teaming up, bringing smiling faces to their customers and hoping to accommodate as best they can. Sweetspot Auto will also have a familiar face, Curtis Best, who has been with the store for 13 years and will continue to serve the customers the way he has always done. They ask for patience during this transition as they will make some price changes. They are knocking some prices down and changing some of the merchandise. However, there are a few things that will remain the same. Charge accounts are still open. They will still be making hydraulic hoses, and let's not forget about the keys.

Starting Monday, May 15th, Sweetspot Auto Supply will have new summer hours Monday- Friday, 7:30 AM-5:00 PM, and Saturday, 7:30 AM-12:00 PM. The location is 201 S. Main, Hennessey. Give them a call for any questions at 405-853-4369.



### Hall of Famers continued

Ms. Shamburg graduated from Hennessey High School in 1979 as an honors student.

After graduating high school, Ms. Shamburg attended Phillips University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Then, she completed her teaching requirements within the College of Education. After graduation, she taught in Shidler for two years and then in Dover for 25 years. The last 10 years of her teaching career were spent teaching science at Hennessey.

While in Dover, Ms. Shamburg was the teacher of the year several times. She worked with Kingfisher Regional Hospital to start health career clusters and an internship program for students interested in various fields of science as a career. Ms. Shamburg hosted many science fairs and had one student who made it all the way to nationals with their project.

While in Hennessey, Ms. Shamburg was a Student Council Sponsor for many years. She has been a junior class sponsor and a prom chaperone several times. She was also the online education teacher for grades 5-12 for science students who learned remotely during the first year of the COVID pandemic.

Ms. Shamburg had no biological children of her own, although, in her 37 years of teaching, Ms. Shamburg had a positive influence on many students. Many of her students have pursued successful careers in science such as a research scientist in Antarctica, an astrophysicist for NASA, chemical and nuclear engineers, and numerous medical professionals and science teachers. She is always ready to lend a hand. She has been known to help any student who is needing extra help and has even tutored young people taking college classes.

## SCRIPPS NEWS INTERVIEWS BERT GRITZ ABOUT STORM SIRENS

A news crew from Scripps National News interviewed Bert Gritz about Hennessey's storm sirens on April 19th. The story focuses on the importance of storm preparedness and how sirens play a crucial role in it.

In late March, Rolling Fork, Mississippi was struck by a tornado, taking the lives of at least 25 people and leaving several injured. The tragedy is attributed to the faulty operation of the tornado sirens, which failed to sound the warning in time.

However, Hennessey is well-prepared in this regard, as the city regularly tests sirens to ensure they are functioning correctly. Recently, it was discovered that the sirens were not working properly. The sirens were fixed but a plan was put in place to upgrade the emergency system. The plan includes all-new sirens that can be remotely triggered with a first responder's 2-way radio.

The news team at Scripps was highlighting the message of preparedness and Hennessey was used as a beacon for how it could be accomplished. Regular siren tests in the town of Hennessey have placed a strong emphasis on ensuring the safety of its citizens, and other cities could benefit from replicating this approach.





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# POLICE REPORT

## MAY 1 -8, 2023

<b>Speeding 11-15 Over</b>	\$212.00
Webb, Candice Jean of Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
Bardwell, Michael Edward of Dallas, TX	
<b>Speeding 11-15 Over</b>	\$212.00
Vega Lopez, Oscar of Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding 11-15 Over</b>	\$212.00
Chairez, Jaylen of Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding School Zone</b>	\$265.00
Fierro, Sebastian of Hennessey, OK	
<b>No Drivers License in Possession</b>	\$165.00
Fierro, Sebastian of Hennessey, OK	
<b>No Seatbelt (Adult)</b>	\$20.00
Fierro, Sebastian of Hennessey, OK	
<b>Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State</b>	\$265.00
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
Luevanos Dominguez, Rosa of Hennessey, OK	
<b>Speeding 16-20 Over</b>	\$227.00
Ray, Ronald of Woodward, OK	
<b>Speeding 11-15 Over</b>	\$212.00
Roman, Jonathon of Hennessey, OK	
<b>Speeding 11-15 Over</b>	\$212.00
Krone, Madeline of Oklahoma City, OK	
<b>Failure to Obey Official Traffic Control Device</b>	\$197.00
Wasinger, Neely Rene of Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
South, Philip Leonard of Crescent, OK	
<b>Speeding 16-20 Over</b>	\$227.00
Delamure, Christopher Robin of Rockport, TX	
<b>Speeding 11-15 Over</b>	\$212.00
Silva Jr, Roberto of Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding 11-15 Over</b>	\$212.00
Lozano, Ricardo of Kingfisher, OK	
<b>No Drivers License Issued</b>	\$365.00
Lozano, Ricardo of Kingfisher, OK	
<b>Transporting Open Container (Beer)</b>	\$180.00
Lozano, Ricardo of Kingfisher, OK	
<b>Driving Not Reasonable and Proper</b>	\$265.00
Lozano, Ricardo of Kingfisher, OK	
<b>Failure to Stop at Stop Sign</b>	\$197.00
Lozano, Ricardo of Kingfisher, OK	
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
Juadik, Laji oof Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
Rutledge, Cameron Dane Hennessey, OK	
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
Combs, Justin Lee of Derby, KS	
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
Canales, Maria Juanita of Okeene, OK	
<b>Speeding 16-20 Over</b>	\$227.00
Koehn, Nicholas James of Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding 11-15 Over</b>	\$212.00
Oruna, Juan Albert of Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding 11-15 Over</b>	\$212.00
Vargas, Carolina of Tucumcari, MN	
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
Clutter, Christian Isiac of North East, PA	
<b>Speeding 21-25 Over</b>	\$267.00
Bigbey, Colby Lyn of Stillwater, OK	
<b>Speeding 16-20 Over</b>	\$227.00
Macias, Alexander Jay of Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
Rivera, Christian of Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
Gamez, Jorge Miranda of Enid, OK	
<b>Speeding 1-10 Over</b>	\$185.00
Bradford, Jeramie Wade of Alva, OK	

Brandon Scott continued

Now that the Hennessey Fire Department (HFD) is an Emergency Medical Responding Agency (EMRA) under Heartland Medical Direction, Scott can utilize his license and skills to better care for the citizens of Hennessey and our coverage area. Scott said, "I can also provide care to my brothers of the HFD if injured or become sick on fire calls. My training will allow me to better care for victims of vehicle crashes or be extra help in case of a mass casualty incident." Scott also works part-time for Life EMS so that he can continue to stay sharp with his skills. Scott said, "I would like to thank my wife and family for being so supportive and understanding. I would also like to thank the Hennessey Fire Department, Life EMS, and Heartland Medical Direction for the opportunity and training."

## FFA BANQUET 2023



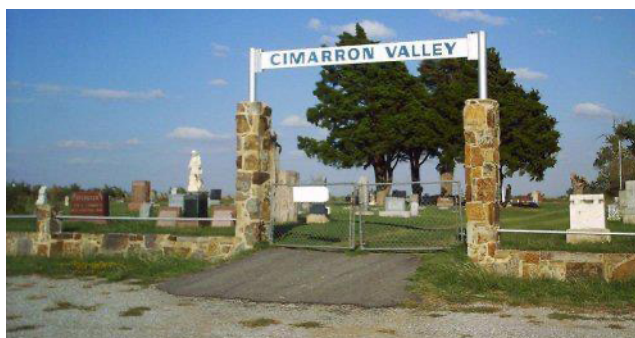
2023-2024 Chapter officers. Kaden Kennedy, Cale Dickens, Leah Dickens, Brooklyn Harris, Hannah Swart, Amey Haymaker.



Honorary Chapter Degree- Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Dickens.... Leah Dickens, Adin Dickens, Katelynd Dickens, Mathew Dickens, Cale Dickens.

## CIMARRON VALLEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Lacy community center.



## HHS BAND BANQUET

The Pride of Hennessey Band held its annual banquet and awards ceremony last Tuesday. The awards were as follows:

**John Philip Sousa Award** - Allison Ferrell  
**Most Improved Band Member** - Victor Ramirez  
**Monica Jane Racer Memorial Spirit of the Pride Award** - Ronny Robles



### District Solo Awards

Allison Ferrell – Trumpet, Olivia Ferrell - French Horn, Blaney Sturgill – Tuba, Ronny Robles – Clarinet, Dayana Bravo – Clarinet, Addison Null-Kelly – Clarinet, Michael Pacula - Bass Clarinet, Landon Lopez - Flute Aidan Hardin - Alto Saxophone, Anthony Roldan - Tenor Saxophone  
**Excellent** Claire Ferrell – Baritone, Peyton Moery - Trombone  
**Good** Laura Ullery - Marimba

### STATE SOLO AWARDS

**Superior** Allison Ferrell – Trumpet, Olivia Ferrell - French Horn, Blaney Sturgill – Tuba, Aidan Hardin - Alto Saxophone, Michael Pacula - Bass Clarinet Dayana Bravo - Clarinet  
**Excellent** Anthony Roldan - Tenor Saxophone, Addison Null-Kelly - Clarinet Landon Lopez - Flute  
**Good** Ronny Robles - Clarinet

### BAND AWARDS

#### Marching Band

**Tri-State Parade:** Superior and 1st Place Class 3A,  
**Tri-State Field Marching Contest:** Superior Rating  
**Hub City Invitational Marching Contest** at Clinton HS: Superior and 1st Place in Class 3A  
**OSSAA Northwest Regional Marching Contest:** Superior Rating  
**OSSAA District Concert Band Contest:** Superior Ratings in Concert Performance and Sight Reading.  
**OSSAA State Band Contest:** Excellent in Concert Performance and Superior in Sight Reading.

The Band was also the recipient of the OSSAA Distinguished Academic Achievement Award for having a GPA of 3.5 or greater. Their GPA was a 3.615.

This past Thursday, May 4, the high school concert band and jazz band performed at the Tri-State Music Festival at Enid High School and earned Superior Ratings in Concert Performance and Jazz Band Performance.  
Photo by Jude Hestand



## HHS STATE TRACK 2023

After a successful track season, 6 Eagles headed to the State Track meet. It included two freshmen, Tayler Franklin and Jocelyn Matousek, a sophomore that's only been at Hennessey since Spring Break, Gunnar Holder, a junior in Brenden Mainard, and 2 seniors, Yuridia Rios and Northwestern signee Jamie Torres. The results are as follows:

Brenden Mainard 11th in Discus, Gunnar Holder 13th in the 300 hurdles  
Tayler Franklin was 12th in the 3200-meter relay; 16th 3200 relay team:  
Yuridia Rios, Tayler Franklin, Jocelyn Matousek, Jamie Torres  
Story by Taylor Ladwig



## SPRING CONCERT

The Hennessey Choir presented their spring concert Monday, May 8th at the school auditorium. The 5th grade through high school choir, directed by Mrs. Riley Faulkner performed several musical numbers from their recent competitions. Mrs. Faulkner handed out several awards and had many of the trophies the choir has won throughout the year on display.



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Thursday, May 11

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**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

8:30 – 9:30am Elementary Semester Awards

12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe

6 – 7pm Town Board Meeting

6:30 – 7:30pm HS Chorus Banquet

Friday, May 12

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Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Monday, May 15

Little Lady Eagles Softball Camp (K-6th) (Day 1/3)

JH Softball Camp (Day 1/5)

12 – 1pm Special School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 16

Little Lady Eagles Softball Camp (K-6th) (Day 2/3)

JH Softball Camp (Day 2/5)

Mason Meeting at Coronado Lodge

4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Public Library

Wednesday, May 17

Little Lady Eagles Softball Camp (K-6th) (Day 3/3)

JH Softball Camp (Day 3/5)

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime library

1 – 2pm Sports Physicals

Thursday, May 18

JH Softball Camp (Day 4/5)

12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe

Friday, May 19

JH Softball Camp (Day 5/5)

Saturday, May 20

5:30 – 6pm Class of 1963 60th Reunion Casa Teja LLC

Monday, May 22

HS Softball Camp (Day 1/5)

**12 :00pm POOL OPENS**