HENNESSEY VIETNAM VETERAN HONORED

Thursday, June 22nd Jack Toney was presented with a Quilt of Valor during a ceremony at the ML Becker Educational Center, in Enid.

Toney was with the 1st Cavalry Division, a combined arms division and is one of the most decorated combat divisions of the United States Army. They distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against hostile forces.



Jack Toney

The 7th Cavalry Regiment of the

1st Division is famous for its participation in some of the largest battles of the Indian Wars, including the infamous Battle of Little Bighorn, where its enigmatic commander, Lieutenant Colonel George A. Custer made his last stand. The 7th Cavalry went on to fight in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and several key battles of the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

During Vietnam, the Task Force mounted numerous combat assaults into enemy-held territory.

This young soldier was assigned to Landing Zone Jaime. He talked about his missions....The bamboo was so thick you could be 10 feet from someone and not see them. It was five or six clicks from the Cambodian border near the Ho Chi Minh Trail, used by the North Vietnamese Army to transport military supplies. All the time the North Vietnamese Regulars were watching and waiting for the men to finish the L.Z. so they could attack.

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ULTIMATE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Get ready to experience the ultimate 4th of July celebration in Hennessey! The day kicks off with a FREE SWIM at the town pool from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm, the perfect way to beat the summer heat. But the excitement doesn't stop there – The cardboard and duct tape boat races start at 6:00 pm. You won't want to miss the chance to compete for glory and bragging rights, so make sure to check in at 4:00 pm sharp (check-in stops at 5:00 pm) gather your 4-man team for \$20.00 a team.

After the boat races, there will be a Ping Pong Ball Race. One lucky winner will take home half of the pot of total balls sold, and with balls priced at only \$1.00 each, you won't want to miss your chance to WIN BIG. And while you don't have to be present to win, we guarantee it will be way more fun if you are!

But wait, there's more! We've got food trucks galore, including Rockin' TK Burger Barn, Eat it Up, Scotty's Treats, and Antojitos Oasis, all set up between the baseball and football fields, and speaking of football fields, there will be live music, with some of our favorites musicians Matthew Streck, Amy Ackerman, Vernon Racer, Jimmy Berkenbile, Leon Hill, Drew McElhaney & the Hladik twins along with the Red Leve Dancers will keep the party going, starting at 8:00pm. When the live music is over, stay in your seat! Ish Engle will be getting his head shaved as a benefit for Gage Caulder.

The night will end with an epic Firework show starting at dusk, (around 9:30 pm) lighting up the sky with a dazzling display of colors and sounds! Plan to sit at the football field to get the perfect view and hear patriotic music during the show!



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FIVE FALLEN VETERANS HONORED IN TRAVELING EXHIBIT

The Hennessey Senior Citizens Center is hosting a traveling veteran's exhibit this month. The Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park in Enid, Oklahoma has been honoring our state's fallen heroes for more than 20 years. This exhibit is a tribute to the honor, heroism, courage, and cost of freedom from our War on terrorism armed forces. The "Heroes of the Heartland" Exhibit, painted by Tox Murillo, will travel throughout Oklahoma and be on display at venues all across Oklahoma.



KCREA BOARD MAKES PLANS

Officers and board members of the Kingfisher County Retired Educators Association (KCREA) met this summer in the home of Donna Jech to work on plans for the coming year.

All retired educators and school support pictured: L to R - LaRita Sipe, Cathy Howard, Debby Jorgensen,

personnel residing in Kingfisher County or retired from Kingfisher County schools are welcome and encouraged to join the association.

Kathy Kadavy, Donna Jech, Dana Golbek, and Chuck Henderson.

Officers for the 2023-2024 year include Cathy Howard, Debby Jorgensen, Kathy Kadavy, and Dana Golbek. Other board members are Nancy Teders, Terri Peck, and Chuck Henderson. Membership chairman is LaRita Sipe.

The purpose of the association is to promote the interests and welfare of retired educators, to maintain retired educators' identity with the education profession, to enhance the image of retired educators and to participate in educational and community

The group awards a scholarship annually to a county college student majoring in education and preparing to student teach. This year's recipient is Jaelle Farrell of Kingfisher. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 6, at 10 a.m., at Kingfisher Memorial Library. For more information, contact

LaRita Sipe (membership chairman), or any member. submitted by: Cathy Howard

Thank you from the Melendys

The Melendy family would like to thank everyone for the love shown on Dale and Billie's 70th wedding anniversary. Thank you to friends and family who attended and sent good wishes. We appreciate the First Christian Church, Ish Ingle, the Farmerettes Club, Jack Quirk and All About Hennessey; Michael Hobbs and Jamie Aikenhead. Thanks to all who helped make it a joyful event.





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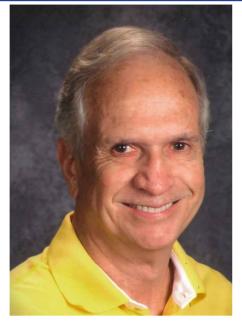
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Joe Garrison

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." Hebrews 12:1-2 Joe Garrison, 73, finished his race well and saw his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, face to face on June 21, 2023. Joe was born in Hobart, Oklahoma on February 27, 1950. He was the fourth child of O.B. and Bernice Karr Garrison. Joe grew up and graduated from Anadarko High School in 1968. In 1972 he graduated from Southwestern State University with a bachelors degree in Industrial Education. He



taught Industrial arts at Midwest City High School from 1972-1978. Joe furthered his education by receiving a Masters degree in Administration from then Central State University, Edmond in 1975.

Joe's father, O.B., managed lumber yards for Antrim Lumber Company. Joe always said that his career in the lumber business began at the age of 5 when his dad started taking him to the yard with him to keep him out of trouble with his 4 sisters. In the summer of 1977 Joe worked on the loading docks of Rounds and Porter Company in OKC. In the summer of 1978 he was offered a full time position working as an inside sales rep. Having grown up with sawdust in his blood, Joe eagerly left the profession of education and returned to his roots in the lumber industry. In late 1978 he was offered the North Central Oklahoma outdoor sales position for Rounds and Porter which moved him to Enid in January of

Joe was blessed with two beautiful daughters, Jenifer Martin of San Juan Capistrano, CA and Jillian Reinkemeyer of Tomball, Texas.

Joe met Diane Berkenbile at Emmanuel Enid in 1984 and they were married there on February 14, 1987. They made their home in Enid until moving to Hennessey, Oklahoma in 1991 when they purchased Hennessey Lumber. Upon purchase, they changed the name to Garrison Lumber and on June 1, 2023 celebrated 32 years in business.

Joe had a heart for service. He served as a small group teacher and deacon at both Emmanuel Enid and First Baptist Church, Hennessey. He also served on the Hennessey Schools Board of Education for 9 years. He loved giving of his time to help widows and any friends that might need help or advice from "the old shop teacher". After being diagnosed with ALS in 2020 and becoming homebound, Joe's passion was to share his faith and hope in Jesus Christ to anyone who came through his door. Besides his family, Joe loved spoiling his grandchildren, gardening, woodworking, spending time in God's Word, taking walks with Diane and last but not least any and all things OU...especially Sooner football.

Joe is survived by his wife, Diane, of the home. Daughters Jena Martin, Jill and husband, Eric Reinkemeyer; Seven precious grandchildren Nicole Freeman, Michael Lott, Kara Herron and husband, Mark, Grant Freeman, Alyssa, Colton and Jace Reinkemeyer; Two sisters, Jane McPherson of Broken Arrow and Gerry Bishop and husband Gary Don of Chickasha; numerous nieces and nephews who were special to his heart.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Linda Bonham and Sue Garrison and four precious grandchildren that he is no doubt spoiling this very moment in heaven.

Special thanks to all the wonderful staff and nurses of Russell Murray Hospice, Kingfisher and their loving care and concern for Joe these last months.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at the Eagle Event Center 604 E Oklahoma Avenue, Hennessey, OK with Tim Taylor officiating. Cremation arrangements by Cordry Gritz funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Forgotten Ministries of Enid or the Oklahoma Service Area of the ALS Association.

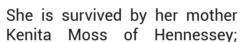


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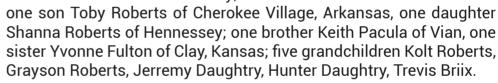
Kristi Ann Coulter

Graveside services for Kristi Ann Coulter, 54 will be at 10:00 AM Friday June 23, 2023 at Calvary Cemetery, Hennessey officiated by Rev. Edward Menasco. Arrangements are by Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home, Hennessey.

Kristi was born in Enid on July 20, 1968 to Robert and Kenita McLaughlin Pacula and died Sunday June 18, 2023 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City.



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Kristi was preceded in death by her father Robert Pacula and one brother Raymond Pacula.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society with the funeral home serving as custodian of the fund.



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POLICE REPORT

JUNE 19-26, 2023

Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Appleman, Cheyenne Sky of Rago, KS Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Herrera, Luis Armando of Enid, OK Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Beam, Jason Lee of Crescent, OK Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Smith, Jacob David of Malabar, FL No Insurance	\$180.00
Riddle, Keely of Enid, OK Failure to Maintain Proper Lane	\$197.00
Nelson, Rachel Gustafson of Borger, TX Change Lanes Unsafely	\$197.00
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\$185.00 Stewart, Mya Elise of Enid,	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Salazar, Adam Frank of Sandia, TX Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Lampe, Andrew Joseph of Fort Worth, TX Speeding 1-10 Over	
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Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Gorman, Jack Anthony Dawson of Great Bend	
Improper Equipment	\$90.00
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Hernandez, Rogelio of Hennessey, OK Expired Drivers License	\$146.00
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Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State Walker Jr. Thuran of Oklahoma City, OK	\$265.00
Speeding 16-20 Over Villalba, Obed Calzadillas of Hennessey, OK	\$227.00
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Villalba, Obed Calzadillas of Hennessey, OK Expired Drivers License	\$146.00
Fowler, John Joseph of Dallas, TX Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Rose, Mackenzie Marie of El Reno, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Marquez Dominguez, Eber Alonso of Albuquer	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Mareburger, Matthew Ross of Enid, OK Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Redwine, Vanessa Lynn of Enid, OK	
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Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Goff, Jaylen Anthony of Hennessey, OK	¢105 00
Speeding 1-10 Over Lopez, Camarena Alfredo of Enid, OK	\$185.00

Incidents

06/23/23 Report of tag misidentified or stolen and charged by the turnpike to the wrong person 06/25/23 Hit and Run 123 West 6th Street disconnect phone number left at scene.
06/25/23 206 S Cheyene report of neighbor dragging an extension cord across yard.

It started around midnight with sporadic gunfire. Then at 2 am, all hell broke loose. The NVA hit the L.Z. with 200 rounds of mortar and rocket fire. Uniformed NVA troops broke through our barbed wire perimeter defenses with human wave attacks and started to overrun the L.Z. The 130 infantry and 55 artillery guys were surrounded by a much larger enemy force. 66 men were lost that day and the choppers kept coming in to airlift the KIA and wounded to MASH hospitals.

Jack Toney continued

Toney received his first purple heart during that battle from a wound to his shoulder, he was patched up and returned to duty. The second Purple Heart was received from a mortar attack and he received shrapnel to his chest and went on to receive 1 more purple heart as a hand grenade was thrown into an enemy bunker and a NVA threw it back at the group

of men. He received leg injuries and they suffered more casualties.



Toney recalls the filthy environment they patrolled and the constant rain they endured. Out of 22 men in his Delta Company only 2 came back alive. Due to his heroism and leadership, he was promoted from an E-1 to an E-6 in six short months and earned two bronze stars, two army commendation medals and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with a Silver Star.

Returning from the war to Hennessey, Oklahoma, he went to work as a self-employed welder. Later becoming a welding inspector for Dow Chemical and traveled all over the world. He has always remained faithful to the men he served with and those that served behind him. He commissioned a field memorial statue which was placed in several veterans parks such as

Creed and Gunnison, Colorado.



Jack Toney continues to serve his country through veterans organizations and donates his time to maintaining a 4-acre veterans park at the VFW in Crescent, Oklahoma.

Tony devotes much of his spare time to charity events, he is a huge volunteer at the Woodring Wall of Honor, in Enid and helped with the relocation of the Augusta Military Museum to Enid.

CELEBRATING 68 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Donnie and Patsy Jackson have been happily married for 68 years, and on their anniversary, they celebrated with their loved ones at the Hennessey Nursing and Rehab center. The couple shared heartwarming stories of their wedding day, while everyone enjoyed cake and punch. We send our warmest wishes to Donnie and Patsy on this special occasion, and hope that their love continues to flourish for many more years to come.



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GRASS FIRE WEST OF TOWN

Hennessey Firefighters responded to a grass fire west of town Sunday, June 25th, at about 3 pm, 1/2 south of the intersection of Hwy 51 and N2780, (1 west of Hwy 132). The wheat field was being swathed for hay was on fire but it was not clear how it started. A farmer was assisting by disking around the fire to stop it from spreading. Hennessey Firefighters called for mutual aid help from Okeene and Loyal but canceled shortly after because they had it under control quickly.





COWS COOLING OFF

Sunday afternoon temps got into the 90s. These cows at 7 miles west of Hennessey took advantage of the water hole to cool off.





NEW BEGINNINGS

After a devastating fire destroyed their home several months ago, Tony and Autumn Blackburn are ready for a fresh start. On Tuesday, June 20th, the demolition process began, paving the way for new beginnings.

BEAUTIFUL DAY TO WINE, DINE & SHOP

Saturday, June 24th was a fun day in Hennessey as the Wine, Dine & Shop event took place under the bright sun. Visitors were treated to lots of choices at the Main Street Market, with an array of fresh vegetables, quilts, treats and handmade items at over 20 booths.



The local boutiques were also a hit, with a wide variety of options to choose from. After a successful shopping spree, everyone enjoyed delicious food and drinks to cap off a perfect day.

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 28 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, June 29
Youth Golf tournaments Turkey Creek Golf
Course
12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family
Cafe

Saturday, July 1 8 – 9am Men's Breakfast First Christian Church 500 E 3rd St,

Tuesday, July 4
Hennessey 4th of July
Independence Day Starts at
the Aquatic Park

Wednesday, July 5 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, July 6
12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe
6:30 – 7:30pm OK2A Meeting Vernost

Friday, July 7 10am Library opens late

Monday, July 10 4:30 – 5:30pm Library Board 7 – 8pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 11
4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club
Hennessey Public Library

Wednesday, July 12 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, July 13
12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe
6 – 7pm Town Board Meeting

Monday, July 17 6:30 - 7:30pm JH/HS Softball Pictures

Tuesday, July 18

Mason Meeting at Coronado Lodge
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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION!



HENNESSEY LION'S CLUB PRESENTS IT'S 2ND ANNUAL CARDBOARD & DUCT TAPE BOAT RACES!

Tuesday, July 4th, at the Hennessey Aquatic Park (Hennessey Pool) To enter the Cardboard & Duct tape race, it is \$20 for a 4 man team.

The first launch is at 6:00pm.

Check in is at 4:00pm & Closes at 5:00pm

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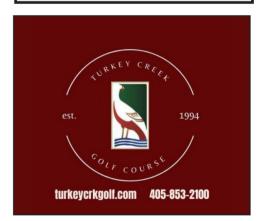
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