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BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT

About 30 business people from Hennessey and the surrounding areas came together Monday night, July 17th, at the Hennessey Mercantile for the 3rd All About Hennessey Business Networking Event. Mercantile owner, Stacy Cline, kicked off the evening with the history and development of how the Hennessey Mercantile came to be. Stacy said, "I went to the bank and said it's that building that the roof fell in on!" Several years ago when the building was vacant the roof caved in. The building was restored and is now a bright spot at the corner of Main and Oklahoma in Hennessey.



Jack Quirk, founder of All About Hennessey, spoke to the group about the importance of being creative with marketing and the need for a sales-ready website. Quirk also made a point of encouraging the audience to get involved in our community. Quirk said, "If everyone did one thing, and worked with others, big things can happen in our small town." Quirk also updated the group on the progress of the Discover Hennessey project which includes the new Pavilion on West 1st Street, the QR Code program, new park signage, and preparing the

sidewalks throughout Main Street to hold flags.

Tim Riddle, President of the Hennessey Lions Club, spoke briefly about the club's plan to offer American flags for sale that they will put up 4 of 5 times a year during holidays and special events.

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TRUSTEE PRACTICES AND PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

At the June board meeting, the trustees of the town discussed their duties and responsibilities, especially regarding how to handle complaints from the public. Bert Gritz, a town trustee, suggested that individuals with complaints should first take them to Town Hall. If the issue is not resolved, it should then be brought to the town board as a whole, rather than approaching individual trustees.

However, David Jones, another town trustee, disagreed with this approach and stated that he wants to handle things that are brought to his attention. There was a debate about micromanaging and what constitutes a personnel issue and whether it should be discussed in executive session. David then suggested inviting a state representative to the July meeting, which everyone agreed was a good idea.



Mick Dodson, General Counsel with the Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspectors office

At the July meeting, Mick Dodson, General Counsel with the Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspectors office was invited to speak about the duties and privileges of board members. He emphasized that board members have certain privileges that the public does not, such as access to records and law-enforcement body cam videos.

Dodson stressed the importance of making all records open to the public, including body cam footage and anything else that falls under the category of open records. It's crucial to ensure that the public has access to information that affects their community. The handling of confidential information by board members was also discussed, and it was emphasized that they would be held accountable for their actions.

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Trustee practices continued....

The discussions at the board meeting highlighted the importance of transparency and accountability. However, it also brought to light that records are currently not easy to find, especially for new employees who are not familiar with where to find certain records. The board began discussing ways to organize the files. David Jones suggested viewing the records on a shared drive, which is visible to the public. He proposed doing a presentation at the next meeting to show this way of sharing requested records as done by Guthrie and Crescent.



NEW/DIFFERENT POLICE CAR

Almost a year ago the town had to make a decision as to what make the much-needed new police car would be. Apparently, white Ford Explorers with the police package are hard to come by. The choices were to wait for a white Explorer with a delivery date of up to 2 years that would match all the others or a Black Chevrolet Tahoe that actually had a delivery date. They chose the black Tahoe and it arrived this week. Hennessey Police Chief Arron Pitts said, "It is all wired and ready for the lights and other things we need and will go to the outfitter next week to have it all installed." The Tahoe is larger than the Explorer making it more comfortable after everything is added. At the time the board made the decision to go with Chevrolet, there was a lengthy conversation about Ford's durability. Pitts told the board that the Fords transmissions start having trouble after 80,000 miles. The new car will have the graphics installed by Royal Signs when it returns from the outfitter.



STEPHANIE VALLES REPRESENTS HENNESSEY AT SWOSU

Stephanie Valles represented Hennessey Middle School at the SWOSU band camp and received several honors for her outstanding performance. Stephanie was named the Most Improved Musician and Outstanding Band Member at the camp. She was also First Chair in Clarinets for Middle School, a remarkable achievement.

We'd like to congratulate Stephanie on her achievements and wish her continued success in the future.





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Network event continued

Ramon Renteria, Hennessey native and Travel Promotion Marking Consultant with Travel OK, addressed the need for promoting your business and events. Ramon detailed all of the free services the Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department offers and the impact it can have.

Food and beverages were provided by Hennessey Mercantile and included a sampling of many of the products that are sold in the store. Many of these items were locally sourced or were from Oklahoma producers.

The Next All About Hennessey Business Networking Event is tentatively scheduled for October.



Guest speaker Ramon Renteria-Lara

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Gary Townsend: Postmarked for Retirement

By Sara Jane Richter

After 30 years in the US Postal Service, Former Hennessey Postmaster Gary Townsend worked his final day Friday, July 14 as the Kingfisher Postmaster. Retirement has come for a man dedicated to serving friends and family in the State of Oklahoma. However, his greatest pleasure came during his tenure in Kingfisher where his extended family and good friends live. Kingfisher is also his hometown, and he feels a great sense of pride to work for the community where he has the deepest roots. Working amongst his life-long community gives him the greatest satisfaction.

Gary served as the Hennessey Postmaster for 13 years and lived just south of town during that time.

Having worked up and down Highway 81 and along other Oklahoma roadways, Gary served post offices in Hennessey, Enid, Woodward, and McAlester, just to name a few of the postal facilities where he worked, filling needs wherever there was one. Post-retirement, he will miss the postal service network of friends and colleagues, but most of all, he'll miss the "regular" customers that he's seen for several years. He is anxious however to retire for the excitement of doing something different and creative after having lived a life amid letters and packages.

Gary has a unique hobby, and he is passionate about it. He and his son Greg make custom cowboy boots. His love for boot making comes from his living the life of a cowboy; he's participated in ranch rodeos for many years, started colts for other people, traveled to distant locations to help with spring cowherd responsibilities, and has owned his fair share of horses.

He became interested in boot making when he worked in a family member's boot and shoe repair shop several years ago. "After repairing and taking apart many boots, I figured I could just build a pair myself," and he has done so. As a matter of fact, he has made boots for friends and family members often, but now, he'll make them to sell. Customers can select their favorite stitching patterns, heel style, colors, inlays, and leathers and order up what they want crafted. Gary and Greg will make a pair of boots as fancy or as plain as the customer wishes.

Gary takes care of the insoles, soles, vamps, and leatherwork while Greg does the stitching and leather cutting. All of this attention to these hand-made details takes time, for even laying down one row of stitching on a boot top will take at least an hour's effort. Considering that some tops might have 3 to 10 lines of stitching, the time and expertise expended multiply rapidly. The cost of such a pair of boots begins at \$1,250, well worth the price considering the effort that goes into the design, development, and completion of the work of art.



Father and son call their shop "GWT Boots" as both Greg and Gary have the same trio of initials. Sitting beside Gary's new home is a metal cargo container which serves as the office and work space of GWT Boots. It is outfitted with doors and windows on the outside and boot making equipment inside. It's a perfect haven for a man wishing to change direction in his life, but who still wants to stay in the same



place where he's felt the most comfortable—Kingfisher. He won't have stamps to sort or mail routes to inspect now, but he'll be knee deep in colorful leathers, shapely inlaid brands and flowers, and sturdy stitched threads around the tops of comfy, practical, long-lasting boots, custom made to the specifications of a cowboy or a cowgirl or a wanna-be, like me. Gary will walk into a new ca-

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BALLET B (BEG/INTERMEDIATE)

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WEDNESDAYS

CREATIVE MOVEMENT A (3-4Y)

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JAZZ B (INTERMEDIATE)

6:00PM - 7:00PM

LATIN RHYTHMS (6Y+)

7:00PM - 8:00PM

THURSDAYS

CREATIVE MOVEMENT B (4-5Y)

4:00PM - 4:40PM

HIP-HOP A (5Y+ BEGINNER)

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HIP-HOP B (INTERMEDIATE)

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IDEA States: All children with disabilities residing in the state, including children with disabilities who are homeless children or are wards of the state, and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located, and evaluated.

All children deserve a chance to reach their full potential. Project Child Find, a service to assist families of children who may have special needs, here in Hennessey, Oklahoma to see that every child has that chance. If there appears to be a delay in any area of your child's development, you may seek assistance through Hennessey Public Schools contact one of the people listed below.

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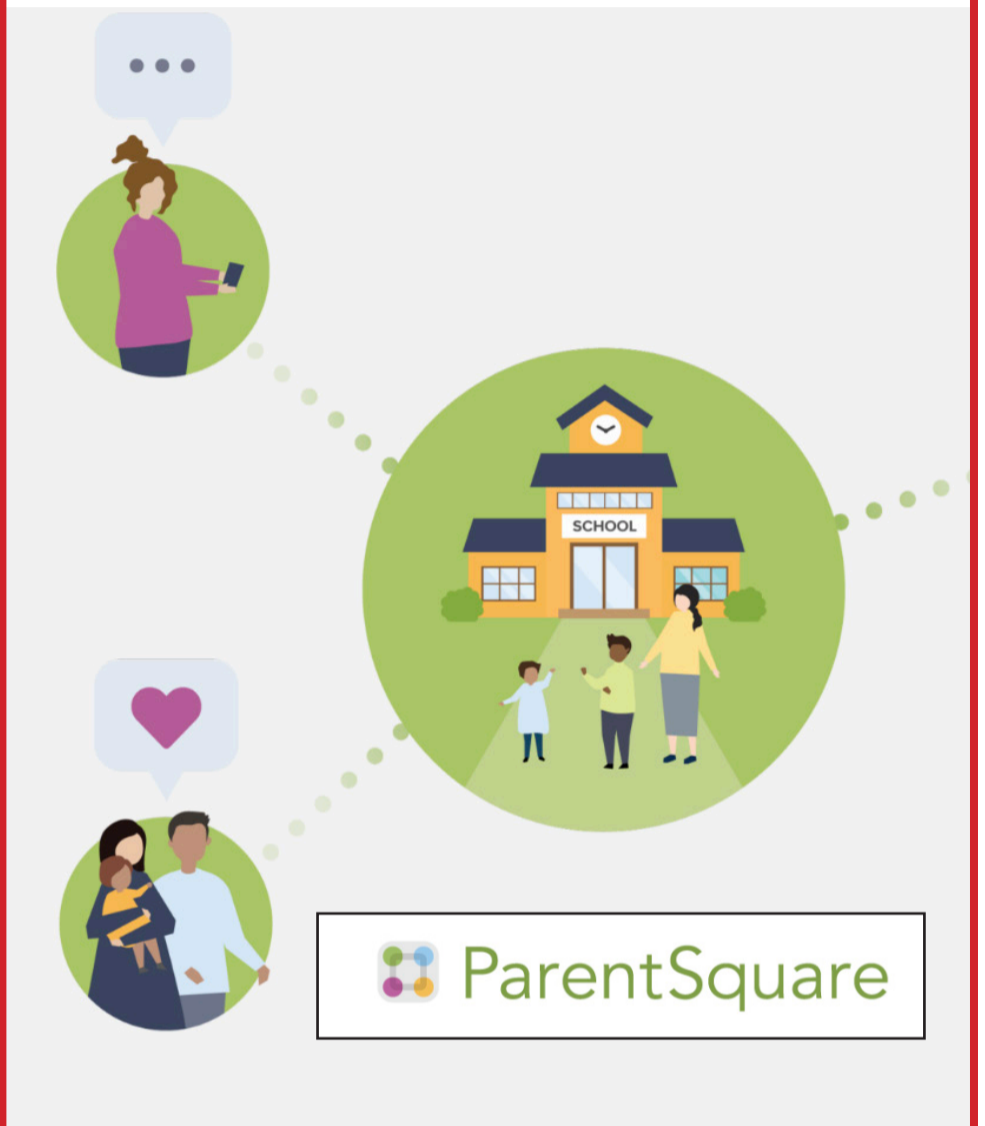
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Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Brown, Thomas James of El Reno, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Cook, Dylan Brady of Oklahoma City, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Jordan, Erin Michele of Enid, OK	
Speeding 21-25 Over	\$267.00
House, Nkem Amadi of Oklahoma City, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Roberts, Ronny Allen of Edmond, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Peterson, Roxanne Lee of Stillwater, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Lin, Bo of Flushing, NY	
Expired Drivers License	\$146.00
Roberts, Kelly of Cushing, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Smith, Sylvia Allyn of Oklahoma City, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Ploof, Ryan Hamilton of Antelope, CA	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Quezada, Miranda Kay of Oklahoma City, OK	
Improper Equipment	\$90.00
Lott Jr., Charles Edward of Hennessey, OK	
Improper Equipment	\$90.00
Johnson, Jeremy Lee Ryan of Enid, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Jau, Jose Luis of Dover, OK	
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Moulton, Jeremy Lee of Ponca City, OK	
Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State	\$265.00
Newton, Cheryl Lynn of Alex, OK	
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Weston, Tracy Jo of Borger, TX	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Bowers, Kara Kanaly of Enid, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Sires, Shelby Ryan of Guthrie, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Rivas, Shane Aaron of Norman, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
McRae, Ira James IV of Bethany, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Hau, Jennifer Marie of Waukomis, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Gilberto, Trejo of Oklahoma City, OK	
No Drivers License Issued	\$365.00
Gilberto, Trejo of Oklahoma City, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Amos, Maximus Max of Enid, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Eastin, Mersadies Rose of Waukomis, OK	
Speeding 21-25 Over	\$267.00
Cunningham, Charles Valentine of Enid, OK	
Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State	\$265.00
Cunningham, Charles Valentine of Enid, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Hasselbring, Maci Nicole of Owasso, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Vargas, Angel of Hennessey, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Riddle, Carson Don of Hennessey, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Rhoads, Rocky Lee of Stillwater, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Maner, Zane Austin of Enid, OK	
No Drivers License in Possession	\$165.00
Akers, James of Enid, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
McNeely, Joshua David of Hennessey, OK	
Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State	\$265.00
McNeely, Joshua David of Hennessey, OK	

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Wednesday, July 19

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime 20

Thursday, July 20

12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe

Friday, July 21

10am Library opens late (in-house training)

Tuesday, July 25

4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Library

Wednesday, July 26

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, July 27

12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe

Tuesday, August 1

4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club
Hennessey Public Library

Wednesday, August 2

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, August 3

12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe
6:30 – 7:30pm OK2A Meeting
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Friday, August 4

10am Library opens late 5

Saturday, August 5

8 – 9am Men's Breakfast FCC

Sunday, August 6

2 – 4pm HS Sports Media Day

Tuesday, August 8

4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club
Hennessey Public Library

Wednesday, August 9

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, August 10

1st Day of School

12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe
4:30 – 7:30pm Volleyball vs Amber-
Pocasset (A)

6 – 7pm Town Board Meeting

Friday, August 11

4:30 – 6:30pm HS Softball vs Okarche (A)
5 – 7pm JH Softball vs Okarche (H)
6 – 8pm HS Football Blue/White
Scrimmage

Sunday, August 13

5 – 8pm Meet the Eagles

Monday, August 14

4:30 – 5:30pm Library Board
7 – 8pm School Board Meeting

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