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## POLES DOWN, DAMAGE TO VEHICLES

At about 1 pm on Tuesday, July 25th, 2022 an Estes Express Freight liner Semi truck and trailer driven by Brandon Harris, 36, from Newalla, OK struck a power line at 120 S. Arapaho St.

The semi-truck delivering to the Kingfisher County Shop caught a low-hanging wire and pulled down 2 poles.



Both of the poles jumped over an 8-foot chain link fence and the semi proceeded to drag one of the poles over the top of 6 employee vehicles that were in the parking lot. Damage ranged from broken windshields to large dents in body panels.

The driver stated he missed the turn into the County Barn off Oklahoma



St. He then proceeded to enter the yard from Arapaho St. and struck the power line running from north to south at the entrance to the yard.

According to the police report, the driver said there were no signs stating semis were not allowed.

The Hennessey Police blocked traffic on N. Arapaho St, south of Oklahoma St for about 30 minutes while OG&E and Pioneer cleared the wires from the roadway. Power and Internet to the county barn and the Cow Palace were interrupted until 2 new poles could be replaced and repairs could be made.

None of the County employees saw the event occur but heard it from inside the barn.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 2023**



The Back to School Bash was a huge success Sunday, July 30th, thanks to the First Christian Church's hosting of the event. This event is put on by the Ministerial Alliance by coordinating with all of our local churches.

Many children and families attended, eager to get their hands on free school supplies. The turnout was incredible, with lines of excited youngsters waiting patiently for their turn.

In addition to the free supplies, attendees were treated to complimentary snow cones and delicious hot dogs courtesy of the Hennessey Fire Department. The event was a great opportunity for families to come together, enjoy some treats, swim for free and prepare for the upcoming school year.

Thank you to the Church of Christ for the snow cones, First Baptist Church for the water and the Hennessey Fire Department for cooking the hot dogs.

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## **GOING UP!**

The Hennessey Fire Department's new building addition seemed to pop out of the ground this week as the construction crews erected the steel structure. The new addition doubles the square footage of the building and makes room for a new ladder truck coming in the future.



# SUMMER READING PROGRAM COMES TO AN END



**Public** The Hennessey Library's annual summer reading program came to a close last week, and we're happy to report that it was a great success! Students participated in a variety of activities, including a funfilled water balloon fight and snacks. On award day, the kids were treated to pizza and received gifts for their hard work and dedication to reading.



Pictured are Elsa Martinez, Dhalia Valles, Giovanni Valles, Johanna Matousek, Emilee Seiger, and Katie Miller

We're already looking forward to next year's program and can't wait to see even more kids participate and read even more books!

## SIX FEET TALL AGAIN

What started out as a normal day back in 2016 turned out to be life-changing for Justin Choate when the 4-wheeler he was riding hit a dog and rolled end over end. Justin was severely injured and laying on the ground. The dog that was hit limped home and alerted family members to the incident where they found him on the ground in the road. LIFE EMS transported Justin to St. Mary's Regional Center in Enid and was then flown by helicopter to OU Trauma Center in Oklahoma City where he spent 2 weeks in OU Trauma ICU and then 3 weeks at Jim Thorpe Rehab Center in OKC.

With all of the back damage this left Justin bent over and unable to stand up straight. Even with all the pain Justin never lost his sense of humor, he jokes, "I walked around bent over looking at the ground for money, but never did find any!"

This got progressively worse causing damage to his internal organs. Justin underwent 6 surgeries on his back and was told this is it. There is nothing more we can do. Desperate for relief he sought out doctors for help. He was told by several that there was nothing they could do because his back was too badly damaged.



Justin Choate with Dr John Burke MD

Earlier this year Justin's pain management doctor introduced him to Dr. John Burke MD that had just started to have office hours at St. Mary's. After the meeting, Justin said, "Dr. Burke said 'I can fix this,' he was totally optimistic." On February 20th Justin underwent a 12-hour operation where the doctors installed 27 rods in his back to straighten his spine. After 2 weeks in OU ICU recovering and ongoing rehab, Justin is standing up and looking forward, rather than at the ground.

Justin said, "I'm still doing benefit auctions but no more 4-wheelers or cattle. I'm just selling trailers now (referring to his company DC Trailers) I don't have to chase them like cattle. I want to thank Dr. Burke, he is one of the most humble men I know, and I'm very thankful for what he did to help me."

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## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

At last week's special meeting, Thursday, July 27th the Hennessey Board of Trustees voted to hire Starla Fuksa as the interim town administrator. David Treanor was acting as the interim town administrator since February when the former administrator, Tiffany Tillman resigned. Treanor has four other departments he manages

in town and was needing to return to his normal duties.

Once Fuksa was hired, Mayor Clif Vogt asked if she could start work the next day, Friday, because the office staff was undergoing training that would benefit her.

Starla Fuksa (Cosper) is a 1977 grad of Hennessey High School and has worked as the Administrative Assistant for Kilmer Construction in Texas and the Administrative Assistant for Olathe School District, Olathe, KS.



# FOOD TRUCKS OPEN AT 5PM: BUDDIES BURGERS CAROLINA'S TACO BUS EAT IT UP SCOOPS SCOTTY'S TREATS COME JOIN US FOR A FUN START TO THE 2023-2024 SPORT SEASONS WITH TEAM INTRODUCTIONS, BAND & CHEER PERFORMANCES, AND

AN EXCITING SENIOR VS. COACHES OBSTACLE COURSE!

## **SERVICE OKLAHOMA**

By Rep. Mike Dobrinski

For years, legislators heard from Oklahomans how difficult it was for them to obtain a driver's license or get a renewal. They faced long lines and often were turned away after hours of waiting because they didn't have proper paperwork or there were not enough workers to meet the demand on any given day.

Another issue was that driver's licenses and motor vehicle tags and titles were handled by different state agencies, the Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Tax Commission.



To try to solve these issues, we passed and the governor signed into law last year House Bill 3419 and Senate Bill 1605, which created Service Oklahoma under the state Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The intent was to ensure that Oklahoma drivers could get all services under one roof – driver's licenses and renewals and well as motor vehicle tags and titles.

As with any new endeavor, there's been some challenges. I've learned that rural tag agencies, for instance, are struggling with some of the new requirements from Service Oklahoma, including some of the costs.

My intent in voting for this legislation was to streamline services for Oklahomans and my constituents. I did not want a negative effect on our local tag agents, some of whom have served our communities for decades. I'm working with other rural lawmakers to make sure each of the concerns we've heard are addressed. We've also heard how lines are still long at Service Oklahoma locations, and people are still being turned away after hours of waiting. We are working to get this right for everyone involved. If clean-up legislation is needed, we'll pursue that.

On a separate note, implementation of the Terry Peach North Canadian Watershed Restoration Act is beginning. This pilot program, created through my House Bill 2239, will explore solutions to the red cedar infestation throughout our state.

Trey Lam, executive director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, said Conservation County District Offices are beginning the eradication of red cedars and other invasive species in the North Canadian watershed. They are using prescribed burns and other methods to create brushfree zones around communities and rural infrastructure. This will give them a framework of research to expand the program across the state. The Legislature appropriated almost \$3.3. million to start this program, which I'm confident will pay huge dividends for us as it reduces wildfires and conserves precious water. Lam said the current negative economic impact from cedars is \$500 million.

Please remember, if I can help you with something, do not hesitate to reach out. You also can follow regular updates on my House Facebook page or call or email anytime at (405) 557-7407 or Mike.Dobrinski@ okhouse.gov.

In your service, Mike Dobrinski

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**JULY 24-31, 2023** 

Speeding 1-10 Over Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State Change Lanes Unsafely Speeding 16-20 Over Failure to Obey Official Traffic Control Device Speeding 16-20 Over Speeding 1-10 Over Speeding 1-10 Over Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State Speeding 11-15 Over Speeding 11-15 Over No Drivers License Issued	\$185.00 \$265.00 \$197.00 \$227.00 \$197.00 \$227.00 \$185.00 \$185.00 \$265.00 \$212.00 \$365.00
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Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
No Drivers License Issued	\$365.00
No Insurance	\$180.00
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Failure to Stop at Stop Sign	\$197.00
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Violate Drivers license Restriction	\$197.00

Butler, Lisa Ann of Ponca City, OK Davis, Jerry Thayne of Oklahoma City, OK Sanders, Audrey Jane of Fishers, IN Sanders, Audrey Jane of Fishers, IN Sanders, Audrey Jane of Fishers, IN Harris Jr, Patrick James of Broussard, LA Lopez Aboite, Edif of Dover, OK Luevanos Roman, Ma Del Carmen of Hennessey, OK Carter Jr, Larence Larmark of Oklahoma City, OK Gilly, Colton Dean of Oklahoma City, OK Lara, Audon of Enid, OK Arnoldo Payan Izabal, Francisco of Hennessey, OK Arnoldo Payan Izabal, Francisco of Hennessey, OK Arnoldo Payan Izabal, Francisco of Hennessey, OK Rutledge, Lindsay Michelle of Enid, OK Cervantes Bustamante, Olegario of Enid, OK Goodwin, Brian Edward of Edmond, OK Goodwin, Brian Edward of Edmond, OK Phan, Phillip of Billings, OK Haley, Triston of Enid, OK Gonzalez, Sebastian of Hennessev, OK



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August 5 & 6

**Oklahoma Tacos** & Margarita **Festival** August 19

**Travis Ledoyt** September 1

**lan Munsick** 

September 15 The Beach Boys

September 30 **Roots & Boots** 

October 6

**Alice Cooper Oct 17** 

**ZZ TOP** October 27th

**Rocky Horror Picture Show November 3** 

**Sara Evans November 9** 

#### **Incidents**

07/25/23 Accident with power line at the county barn 07/25/23 Theft

07/28/23 Vehicle assist unlock



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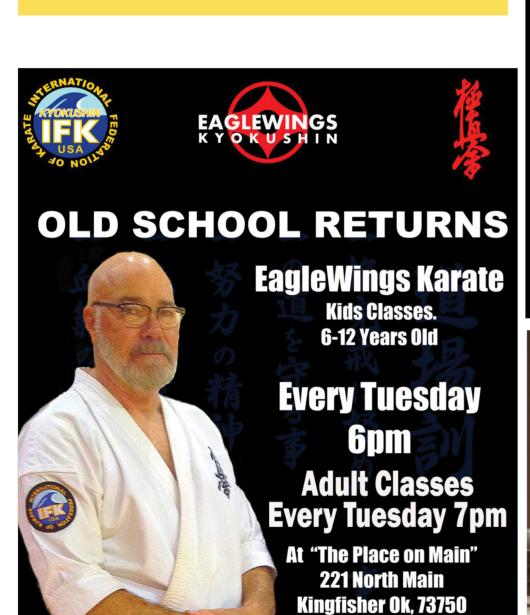


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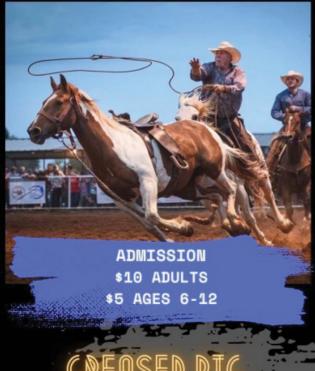
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## <u>Upcoming</u> **Events**

**Tuesday, August 1 HS Softball Scrimmage vs Pioneer (A)** 

4 - 5pm Teen Funtivities Club

**Hennessey Public Library** 

5 - 6pm Substitute TeachingTraining Hennessey Public schools

> Wednesday, August 2 **AUG, WED**

10 – 11amLittlest Patron Playtime library

**Thursday, August 3** 

**HS Softball Scrimmage vs Pioneer (A)** 

12 - 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe

6:30 - 7:30pm OK2A Meeting Vernost Wine Co

Friday, August 4

10am Library opens late (in-house training)

Saturday, August 5 8 - 9am Men's Breakfast First Christian Church 500 E 3rd St,

Sunday, August 6 2 - 4pm HS Sports Media Day

Monday, August 7 7 - 8pm JH/HS Football Parent Meeting

Tuesday, August 8

4 – 6pm Meet the Teacher

4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club

Hennessey Public Library

4:30 - 6:30pm HS Softball vs Pioneer (H)

4:30 - 6:30pm JH Softball vs Pioneer (A)

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

6 - 7pm Town Board Meeting

Friday, August 11

4:30 - 6:30pm HS Softball vs Okarche (A)

5 - 7pmJH Softball vs Okarche (H)

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

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

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Those attending should bring their photo ID, social security card, and direct deposit information to the workshop. A background check will be required.

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