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-HENNESSEY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER-



SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING DRAWS CROWD

The Hennessey Town Board met on Monday, October 2, 2023 to continue the special board meeting started on September 28th. The meeting was attended by a large crowd, and there was much confusion and concern among those present.

The meeting was to discuss the contract for the new Town Administrator Tiffany Tillman. Some individuals questioned the need for a contract, the reasons for Tillman's hiring at the pay rate, and whether an audit could be conducted before finalizing the contract.

Because this was a special meeting the law does not allow for the board to answer questions leaving them with no way to respond. One member of the crowd asked why this was a special meeting in the first place. It was explained by the town attorney that a special meeting is meant to discuss sensitive, sometimes personal employee matters and the contract they were discussing was nothing more than a draft, not an actual contract. Others asked why we needed a contract we had never had one before. Tillman explained that a contract was recommended by the OMMS (Oklahoma Municipal Management Service) the consulting company hired to help the town find a suitable replacement.

Several others in the audience shouted out "what about an audit?" This was answered by the attorney who stated that an audit is done annually and certified by the state.

Regarding Tillman's salary, the Town attorney explained that the agreed-upon salary was determined by the pay scale submitted to OMMS, which was approved by all town trustees. The salary was based on job experience in city administration, and Tillman's 17 years of experience qualified her for the position at that particular pay rate.

The attorney emphasized that Tillman was already hired at that salary and the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss her contract, noting that the version circulating on social media was only a draft.

Although the trustees listened to the concerns raised by the public, they deferred to the town attorney for answers, considering state laws and limitations in the Open Records Act. The meeting then moved to an executive session, and upon reconvening, they made no statement. The town attorney later explained that they now have a draft agreement that needs to be worked on and resubmitted to the board for a final look.

Special note; the job position was advertised and promoted by the OMMS consulting firm for 6 months and Tillman was the only one that had applied with all of the qualifications needed for the job. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

HOWDY'S TRAVEL PLAZA SELLS

The home of the world's largest cowboy hat has been sold to Casey's convenience store chain. Jay Riaz, owner of Howdy's confirmed with All About Hennessey on Tuesday, October 3rd that he has entered into a contract to sell the store located on the north end of Hennessey. Riaz said, "We have a lot of work to do but we should be done by the end of the year."

Casey's operates 2,500 stores in Midwestern and Southern areas of the United States and is the 3rd largest convenience store chain. The closest Casey's store to us is the one built about 2 years ago at the corner of Hwy 33 and 81 in Kingfisher.

Riaz said, "Part of our contract included transitioning all of our employees to Casey's giving them job security." Howdy's held its initial grand opening in Hennessey on February 25th of this year. Riaz said they just opened the new Duncan store and have started construction on a store in New Castle.



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QUICK PUMP - 15 YEARS AND GOING STRONG

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Margarita Cruz Labatos

Obituary

HENNESSEY Mass of Christian Burial for Margarita Cruz Lobatos, 97 will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday September 30, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church officiated by Rev. Edward Menasco. Burial will be in Le Durazno, Zacatecas Mexico.

Margarita was born is Le Durazno on October 4, 1925 to Inocente and Antonia Lobatos Cruz and died at her home in Hennessey Thursday September 21, 2023.

She is survived by two sons Jaime Cruz and wife Alicia Gutierrez, Rigoberto Tellez and wife Leticia Blanco; two daughters Antonia Tellez and husband Trinidad Valles, Maria Tellez and husband Esteban Blanco; two sisters Marcelina Cruz and Amelia Cruz; eighteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Margarita was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Incento, and one son Javier Cruz.



FFA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Chapter Officer Leadership Training Conference took place on September 26 at the Enid Events Center in Enid, Oklahoma. Organized by the eight state FFA officers, the conference centered around the theme "Empower." Elected officers from all 62 high school FFA chapters in the Northwest area participated in the event. The goal of the conference was to inspire students to understand their roles, recognize their strengths, and fulfill their responsibilities as chapter FFA officers.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Kelly Barnes, hailing from Edmond, Oklahoma. Barnes, a former state FFA president in 2003-2004, is an accomplished professional speaker and leadership coach.

Caleb Horne, the state FFA president, emphasized the importance of individuals stepping up and taking action as leaders in today's society. He stated that the "Empower" theme of this year's COLT Conference aimed to equip students with the confidence needed to become leaders in their local communities and FFA chapters. Horne highlighted the significance of embracing one's unique gifts and talents to empower youth to maximize their leadership opportunities and, in turn, empower others.

Among the officers attending from the Hennessey chapter were Amey Haymaker (president), Hannah Swart (vice president), Brooklyn Harris (secretary), Kaden Kennedy (treasurer), Cale Dickens (reporter), and Leah Dickens (sentinel).





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HENNESSEY GOES IN TO OVERTIME AGAINST PERRY

Looking to jump into the win column, the 0-4 Eagles headed to Perry for the 2nd district game of the year. Both offenses stuttered stepped their way around the 1st quarter, having various solid opportunities to throw a right hook, but barely landed a jab. The second quarter saw much of the same, until the Eagles found their way into the redzone a few minutes before half, unfortunately they'd fumble away their opportunity (literally) and to half we went in a 0-0 ball game. The Eagles came out swinging in the 2nd, with a 5 minute touchdown drive courtesy of a Weston Smith score, and then a turnover that gave the boys the ball inside the Perry 45 with a 7 point lead. Nothing would succumb, but a defense stop lead to another nice drive, a big play to junior Jakob Johns allowed Gunnar Holder to fire a fade to Kevin Trillo for the 14-0 lead. Perry finally caught their footing, and would march down the field with force 2 times in a row to tie it up. On the goal line, the Eagles forced a turnover and sent the game to OT. Unfortunately, Perry tacked on 6 and the Eagles were stuffed. Sending them to 0-5 and back home next week for the rivarly HOCO game vs Chisholm. Story by Taylor Ladwig, photos by Jude Hestand



VOLLEYBALL SR. NIGHT

The Hennessey Eagles high school volleyball team took time before last night's game to honor their 5 graduating seniors. The senior girls included: Gabriela Hernandez, Nayely Valles, Jimena Mier, Lucero Robles, and Alondra Portillo. Photos by Jack Quirk



PRIDE OF HENNESSEY AT TRI-STATE

The Pride of Hennessey Band had an outstanding performance at the Tri-State Music Festival in the Parade and Field Marching Contests in Enid on Saturday, September 30th. They achieved Superior Ratings in both events, showcasing their exceptional talent and hard work. Congratulations to the band on their remarkable achievement!



This Saturday, October 7th, the band will be performing in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Homecoming Parade at 1:30 on Main Street in Weatherford.

POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL 2023

A rowdy group of girls led by football boys as refs and coaches competed in a powder puff football game the evening of Sunday, October 1st kicking off the annual week-long lead-up to football homecoming. The 2 teams, Pink and Black battled it out in flag football and were tied 6 to 6 going into the 2nd half. But the Black team found their game and won the game 20 to 12.

The Homecoming parade will be this Thursday night (October 6th) starting at 6:30 on Main St followed by the bonfire at the south side of the football field. Homecoming activities will begin Friday night at 6:30 p.m. The Eagles will play Chisholm following the coronation.



BEACH BOY TICKET WINNERS
HAVE FUN, FUN, FUN!

Leon & Sonya Hill of Hennessey won tickets to the Beach Boys concert last Saturday night, September 30 as part of the All About Hennessey concert series giveaway at the Enid Stride Center. Keep an eye out for the next tickets October 6th Roots and Boots, October 17th Alice Cooper, and October 27th ZZ Top. Follow All About Hennessey so you don't miss your chance to win!



BIG TOP FUN IN HENNESSEY CULPEPPER &
MERRIWEATHER CIRCUS ENTERTAINS HENNESSEY

The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus spent this past Saturday (September 30th) in Hennessey and delighted kids of all ages during the 2 packed 90-minute shows.

Early Saturday morning the caravan of dozens of trucks and cast and crew arrived in Hennessey and prepared to set up the big top. A team of 6 men started by hammering in 117 stakes to tie down the tent. They don't use elephants anymore due to the restrictions so a skid-steer had to do the heavy lifting. It took about 5 hours to completely set up the event for the shows. The public was invited to watch the raising of the tent at 9:30 am then got a tour and met Wendell the lion and Dalila and Solomon the 2 tigers.



All of the big cats were rescued from unsuitable homes, nursed back to health, and have been with the circus for many years. The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, based in Hugo, Oklahoma is on the road 32 weeks a year stopping at over 200 towns in 17 different states. They work with nonprofits in each community to help them raise money for their causes.

Hennessey Lions Club was the host for Hennessey's event. Tim Riddle, President said, "This is a really good fundraiser for the club and they make it easy supplying us with all of the materials. We help sell tickets and get the word out."

This circus stops by Hennessey every few years but this year they got to use the newly cleaned-up corner on school property at Hwy51 and N. Mitchell Rd across the road from 4Ts Family Market.

POLICE REPORT
September 25-October 2

Improper Equipment	\$90.00
Vargas Rojas, Manuel of Hennessey, OK	
Improper Equipment	\$90.00
Meraz, Alejandro of Hennessey, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Jones, Kathleen Codi of Enid, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Sheehan, Jonathan of Johnson City, TN	
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Conway, Justin Leon of Aline, OK	
Speeding 26-30 Over	\$327.00
Underwood, Robby Joe of Claremore, OK	
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Womble, David Linn of Ponca City, OK	
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Nicholas, Jordan Dare of Enid, OK	
Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State	\$265.00
Nicholas, Jordan Dare of Enid, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Llorente Pena, Daniel Alejandro of Oklahoma City, OK	
Failure to Use Turn Signals	\$197.00
Llorente Pena, Daniel Alejandro of Oklahoma City, OK	
No Drivers License Issued	\$365.00
Llorente Pena, Daniel Alejandro of Oklahoma City, OK	
Change Lanes Unsafely	\$197.00
Llorente Pena, Daniel Alejandro of Oklahoma City, OK	
Speeding School Zone	\$265.00
Moreno, Amy Susanna of Hennessey, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Elrod, Shelly Diana of Hennessey, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Corral, Marcos of Hennessey, OK	
Public Intoxication	\$285.00
Cardenas, Reynaldo of Hennessey, OK	
Transporting Open Container (Beer)	\$180.00
Cardenas, Reynaldo of Hennessey, OK	
Improper Equipment	\$90.00
Cardenas, Reynaldo of Hennessey, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Gomez Flores, Cinthia of Dover, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Clark, Kentyn McLean of Huffman, TX	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Fisher, Mark Lin of Edmond, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Nieto Hernandez, Armando of Oklahoma City, OK	
Failure to Dim Headlights Upon Meeting	\$197.00
Mediano, Luis of Hennessey, OK	
No Insurance	\$180.00
Mediano, Luis of Hennessey, OK	
Allowing Unlicensed Driver to Drive	\$365.00
Mediano, Luis of Hennessey, OK	

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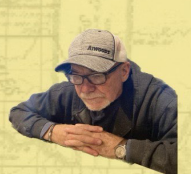
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Wednesday, October 4
8th grade - Pre-ACT Testing
10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, October 5
ECC/ES Book Fair (Day 1/8)
Volleyball Regionals
Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe
6 – 8pm Homecoming Parade/Bonfire
6:30 – 7:30pm OK2A Meeting Vernost

Friday, October 6
ECC/ES Book Fair (Day 2/8)
Kindergarten Field Trip
Picture Day (retakes)
10am Library opens late (in-house training)
5 – 6pm Pre-Game Meal Hosted by Chorus
6:30 – 7:30pm Homecoming coronation
7 – 9pm HS Football vs Chisholm (H)

Saturday, October 7
ECC/ES Book Fair (Day 3/8)

Wine & Chocolate Festival
ALL SCHOOL REUNION (GATHERING)
HS Band - SWOSU Parade

Sunday, October 8
ECC/ES Book Fair (Day 4/8)

Monday, October 9
ECC/ES Book Fair (Day 5/8)
Parent Teacher Conferences (Day 1/2)
Academic Bowl District
Columbus & Indigenous Peoples' Day
4:30 – 5:30pm Library Board
5:30 – 7:30pm JH Football vs Chisholm (A)
5:30 – 6:30pm OK Promise Sign-up Mtg
7 – 8pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 10
ECC/ES Book Fair (Day 6/8)
Parent Teacher Conferences (Day 2/2)
PSAT
3 – 6:30pm Jostens (Sr Cap & Gown/Sophomore class ring)

Wednesday, October 11
ECC/ES Book Fair (Day 7/8)
3rd grade - Field Trip
HS Band - OSSAA Regional Marching Contest

Thursday, October 12
ECC/ES Book Fair (Day 8/8)
ECC - Glow Party
JH All-Star Cross Country
Volleyball State
12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe
5 – 7pm Pre-game meal hosted by the Jr Class
6 – 7pm Regular Town Board Meeting
7 – 9pm HS Football vs Blackwell (H)

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LIFE CHAIN, HENNESSEY 2023



Life Chain is a national peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans and Canadians standing in honor of the millions of lives lost to abortion. Praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations, and for an end to abortion, it is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. This year's event was Sunday, October 8th. About 12 individuals participated, standing at 51/81 for an hour.

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AUTUMN & SUMMER

A Season of Life...

...That no one wants to walk through. Loss. Heartbreak. Grief. Sorrow. Ugh. It's inevitable for all of us. At one time or another, we will walk through a season of loss. It doesn't have to be a death to be a very real, very palpable loss. We have all been there, and sadly we know we will walk that season again at some point in life.

September is when we celebrate the beginning of fall. The autumnal equinox. There is a quote (source unknown) that states "The trees are about to show us how beautiful it is to let things go" and if we sit and think about that, it truly is beautiful. Letting go of what happens to us and the pain that it causes is beautiful. Feel the pain; but don't let it change you. Pain serves a purpose. You feel pain in your hand when you touch a hot stove in order to remove your hand from the pain source and minimize the damage. Similarly, pain in your heart (or grief may be a better word here) helps you to slow down and get through this time or season of your life, but hopefully not stay there in that season. Heartbreaking things are guaranteed to happen to you. This is even warned in the Bible. Jesus said, "I have told you this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.

But take heart, because I have overcome the world." -John 16:33 NLT. We've had our share of this season, but we realize that you have too. We are here to walk this path with you and offer encouragement and quiet support. We are entering into a time of year that statistically has higher depression, anxiety and suicide rates. As much as we love Fall and Winter, we acknowledge that this is a hard time for many. With the lessening amount of sunlight, shorter days, and colder weather; take care of yourself. Take care of your families, friends, and neighbors out there. Let's be available for each other and really show others that you care. There's so much heartbreak, let's combat that with love.

September is also National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. If you feel hopeless and you don't want to burden someone you love with that knowledge (trust us, you aren't burdening them..yet I know it feels like you are) please reach out for help. Call 988. This is the national mental health crisis hotline and thankfully it is way easier to remember than before. Hang in there. You are loved. Pray for us as we walk through a season; we will pray for you as well.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed." -Psalm

*There is a time for everything,
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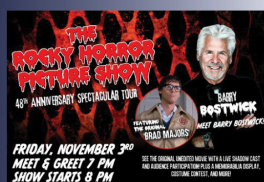
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Pre-K - Luna Rojo, Nathan Villalobos, Samuel Steward, Liam Garcia
Kindergarten - Amira Roman, Simon Robles, Juan Rios
1st Grade - Avery Wright, Evelyn Garcia, Jesse Goff, Maggie Hladik
2nd Grade - Sutton Meek, Andrea Valles, Anastasia Bohnstedt
3rd Grade - Ittzel Ramirez, Osvaldo Castanon, Princessa Guerrero, Yaritsa Martinez
4th Grade - Draven Tyree, Joel Robles, Izaiah Duran, Keetan Gardner



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