

# THE ALL ABOUT HENNESSEY POST

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-HENNESSEY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER-

## WATER REPAIR TURNS DANGEROUS

Yesterday, Monday, October 23 the Hennessey water department discovered a water leak behind the water treatment plant south of town. In order to not have to shut the water off during business hours to make it convenient for our business and residents, they started work on the repair at about 10 p.m. Shortly after the digging began they realized that the sandy soil was quicksand-like and decided to move to a safer area to the south and install an isolation valve in the large water pipe.



At about midnight water department employees Alyssa Kubat and Kyle Watkins got trapped in the sand while working in the new location. The Hennessey Fire Department worked for almost three hours to free the two workers. Alyssa and Kyle were transported to an Enid hospital by Life EMS, Alyssa was checked out and released but they were holding Kyle for 24 hours for observation.



At about 3 a.m. Town Administrator Tiffany Tillman contacted Luckinbill, a large utility contractor from Enid to finish the repair with equipment that could safely work in these conditions.

When it appeared that the water shutdown was likely Tillman contacted Hennessey Schools Superintendent Jason Sternberger at 4 a.m. and he decided to cancel school for the day just in case they lost water.

All of the repairs were completed at about 8:30 a.m. and the water was brought back up to full pressure.

## FIREFIGHTERS VISIT SCHOOL

The Hennessey Firefighters spent Friday morning (October 20th) at Hennessey Elementary School teaching fire safety. Fire Chief Brandon Scott and several firefighters demonstrated Stop, Drop, and Roll, what to do when the smoke alarm goes off. The Chief led the children



in an interactive demonstration teaching them to test the door knob for heat before opening it. Then the next option was to exit out a window and meet their family at their planned gathering place then call 911.

The children were excited to see the fire dog, (Tyson Copland) as he interacted with

them giving high-fives. The highlight of the day was when all of the classes got to check out the firetrucks, hold the fire hose, and spray water. October is National Fire Prevention Month.



Photos by Jack Quirk

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## NADIA VALLES OSU RECOGNIZED HENNESSEY 7 ALVA 44 AS SENIOR OF SIGNIFICANCE

For the 2023-2024 academic year, the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association has selected 59 students as OSU Seniors of Significance. These students have demonstrated outstanding achievements in scholarship, leadership, and service to both the campus and the community, bringing honor to OSU. They comprise the top one percent of seniors across all five undergraduate academic colleges at OSU. Nadia, who graduated from Hennessey High School in 2020, will be completing her studies in political science at OSU in December 2023



The 0-7 Eagles headed to play at Ranger Field in Alva vs the Goldbugs for week 8 of the high school football season. The Eagles quickly garnered a stop and would end up blocking a field goal to get the juices flowing early. They wouldn't end up capitalizing on the momentum though, and would give Alva the football back. For his strike of what felt like 100, Lantz Mathers flipped the field for the Goldbugs. He would punch in the first touchdown early for the Goldbugs. Mathers would repeat the same success again on the next drive and punch it in next more. But, following a muffed punt by the Goldbugs, the Eagles had good field position and would finally strike with a touchdown by Jessin Hardin in the 2nd quarter to cut it to 14-7. To keep it short and bittersweet, that would be the last time the boys graced pay dirt, as Mathers punched it in twice more before the end of the 1st half + a field goal by their kicker. The fullback and company would route the Eagles and continue their success offensively and defensively. Eventually taking it 44-7. Story by Taylor Ladwig photos by Jude Hestand.



## National Honor Society Induction!

HHS had its annual coronation to induct their new members of the National Honor Society (NHS) last Thursday (October 19th). NHS is a prestigious society filled with students who strive to achieve more in the classroom and are focused on bettering themselves in school, for themselves, and for others.

Congratulations to these 2023 National Honor Society Inductees! Kate Curran, Jaryn Dowell, Taylor Franklin, Aidan Hardin, Gabriela Hernandez, Taylor Ladwig, Alessandra Marquez, Jocelyn Matousek, Jimena Mier Saucedo, Jesi Pickle, Alondra Portillo, Kallie Rapp, Emma Sipe, Leilie Vadder

This year officers include: Nayely Valles, President, Fernando Armenta, Vice President, Jazzy Bullis, Secretary, Lucero Robles Luevanos, Reporter, and Karci Vadder, Treasurer

Returning Members include, Claire Ferrell, Amey Haymaker, Taryn Jech, Valarie Holguin, Olivia Ferrell, Jessin Hardin, Katelyn Kennedy, Paige McNeely, Peyton Moery, Addison Null Kelly, Marisol Valles, Hunter Weber Rayne Edwards, Mikayla Pearson, Laura Ullery, Karci Vadder



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## LADY EAGLES QUALIFY FOR STATE

The Lady Eagles cross country team ran in the Regional meet this Saturday, October 21st at Oklahoma Bible Academy. They all ran remarkably, and placed 5th overall, qualifying them for state. The State meet is next Saturday, October 28th at Edmond Santa Fe.



## F-5 The Bee Relocation Service?

F5Constructionrecentlyencounteredanunforeseen challenge during one of their construction projects at Billy Barne's place - **a hive of bees!** However, instead of opting to simply tear it down, they made a compassionate and environmentally-friendly decision. F5 Construction bravely endured a few stings in order to relocate the hive to a new suitable home in Stillwater. photos by Katrina Fuksa



Bees relocated in Stillwater



Queen bee pictured

## NEW CAMERA DEVELOPMENT IN HENNESSEY

For over 40 years Jack Quirk founder of KJ FilmWorks and The All About News Network has worked with camera systems and components of all kinds. All of this experience puts Jack in demand for companies developing new products in the video and broadcast industries.

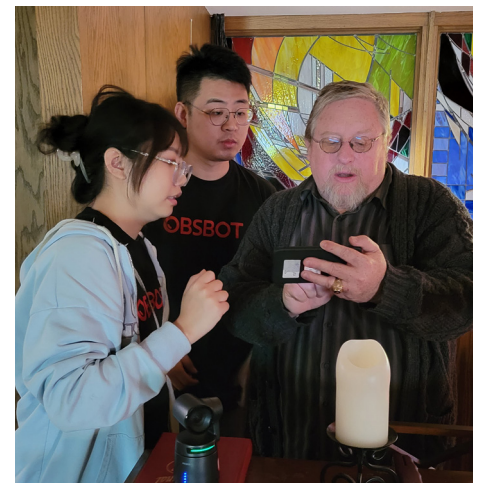


Last week Hennessey was the host for 2 representatives from OBSBOT, a Chinese-based high-tech camera manufacturer. JuJu Hu, Product Manager, and Kevin Liu, North American Sales Manager spent 4 days in Hennessey working with Quirk on developing and

fine-tuning the new camera system. Jack said, "JuJu and Kevin stayed in the Hennessey Hotel and I tried to get them into most of our restaurants to check out what we had to offer. It was fun seeing our small town through their eyes."

On Monday they spent the day touring most of the churches in Hennessey to get a feel for the needs of a small-town church. The new camera is called the OBSBOT Tail Air and is designed specifically for churches and small companies to use for live streaming and conferencing.

Quirk met the OBSBOT team while at the National Association of Broadcasters show last April in Las Vegas. Quirk said, "This Company caught my eye because of the innovative approach to this market segment." These cameras are robotic, and wireless and use artificial intelligence to track people without a camera operator.



The new camera will be available next month and will allow small businesses, churches, and groups to take advantage of this high-tech equipment that would have cost 10 times this much just a few years ago.

Quirk said, "Over the past 30 years I have consulted with tech companies all over the world, but this is the first time one of them came to Hennessey, Oklahoma!"





## POLICE REPORT October 16-23

Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Ramirez Martinez, Ivan of Oklahoma City, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Boger, Mason Daniel of Enid, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Gonzalez Alaniz, Adalberto of Hennessey, OK	
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Bozarth, Alexandra Michele of Oklahoma City, OK	
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Manning, Madison Riley of Edmond, OK	
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Arenas Esparza, Pedro of Oklahoma City, OK	
No Drivers License Issued	\$365.00
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Driving Under Suspension/Revocation (1st Offense)	\$565.00
Acota, Jeffrey Vince of Hennessey, OK	
Improper Equipment	\$90.00
Acota, Jeffrey Vince of Hennessey, OK	
Disobeying Lawful Order from Police	\$535.00
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Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Njiwe, Susan Vince Oklahoma City, OK	
Violate Drivers license Restriction	\$197.00
Njiwe, Susan Vince Oklahoma City, OK	
No Insurance	\$180.00
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## John Schwartz Obituary

If there was one constant in John Schwartz's Life, it was his undeniable love for family, friends, his Lord and coaching.

John went to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, October 19, 2023. Family and friends were constantly by his side during the final journey supporting and loving him until the end.

John was born December 15, 1929, in Hennessey, OK to Ethel and William Schwartz. He met the love of his life Della Strickland (Schwartz) while attending Hennessey High School. Their families lived across the street from each other, and they were married December 25, 1950. They were married 62 years.

John received his master's degree from Oklahoma State University and pursued his love of baseball by becoming a baseball coach. Baseball has been an integral part of John's life for than a half century. In that time, he had significant positive influence in the lives of coaches and players. While he was a high school coach there were 31 All State players from his teams. John was Coach of the Year in 1971 and President of the National Baseball Coaches Association in 1993. He was honored as the National High School Baseball Coach of the Year in 2003 and notably, was only one of two coaches to have received this national award. He was elected and inducted 9 times into various Halls of Fame. In 2006 he received the Babe Ruth/Lou Gehrig's Founders award for his part in forming the Oklahoma Baseball Coaches Association. He was one of the founders, the chairman and director of the prestigious Sun Belt Classic All Star Series for 32 years. Many of the young men who were fortunate enough to participate in this elite opportunity went on to become great coaches and players. Two notable names of these players are OSU Coach Mike Gundy and Coach Cale Gundy. There were also 114 All American players and 437 players who have signed professional contracts. Of these, 154 players went on to play in the Major Leagues. This also includes five-time Cy Young award recipient pitcher, Randy Johnson and Quarterback Troy Aikman.

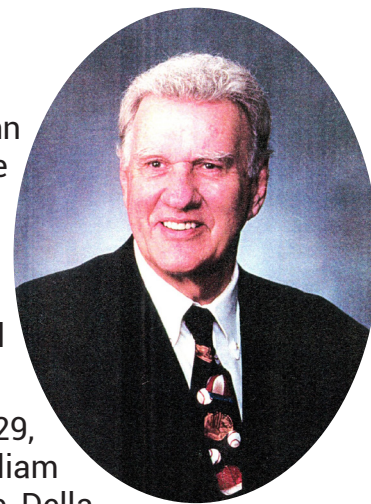
John shares his philosophy in one article as follows. "I've been around baseball for a long time. To me it's still the greatest game. I love baseball, and I've always believed that if you can get ball players to really understand and love the game, success is almost sure to follow." John and Della lived in Edmond for 62 years and were active long-time members of Henderson Hills Baptist Church.

He was a fan of Herman comics, and loved to make people laugh with his antics and orneriness. He and Della had epic Chinese Checker battles and he was a fierce competitor at family gatherings in dominoes and Old Maid.

John has three surviving children, Martha New and her husband Bayne, Marvin Schwartz/Karen Schwartz, and Marilyn Jones. He also has four grandchildren: Crystal Stone, Jill Schwartz, Libby Schwartz and Hannah Schwartz and he also was blessed with eight great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife Della Rose Schwartz, granddaughter Jennifer New, brothers Bill Schwartz and Jay Schwartz, sisters Roseanna Green and Katy Barkley.

Come-and-go visitation will be held at Baggerley Funeral Home on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. with the family to greet friends and a reception from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Funeral services celebrating the life of Coach Schwartz will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 10 a.m. at the Baggerley Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oklahoma City, OK.



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## WOODRING WALL OF HONOR & VETERANS PARK

Enid will paint the city yellow to honor those who serve and who have served during Veterans Appreciation Week November 4-11. Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park has teamed up with the City of Enid, Ambucs, the Stride Bank Center, and Visit Enid in displaying yellow ribbons throughout the city during Celebrate Freedom week, honoring and remembering our veterans in Enid. Since early 2000, the Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park has adorned cedar trees lining the airport and veterans park entrance with yellow bows to remember and honor our fallen heroes and veterans. We want to expand that theme throughout the City. The city wide campaign began last year with an idea from Enid city attorney, Carol Lahman, who remembered the time when tying yellow ribbons was prevalent in her community. She remembered the song "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree" and wrote a proclamation for the city to adopt. The song is a timeless classic from Tony Orlando and has come to mean a lot more, especially for veterans and their families assigned stateside and overseas protecting American interests.

Celebrate Freedom is the annual theme and begins on Saturday, November 4th with the Ride to Remember, which honors our Vietnam Veterans. The ride, organized by the Enid Riders, will leave the Wall of Honor and will visit three NW Oklahoma military monuments. The ride will end at the Oakwood Mall while family friendly activities are being held in anticipation of the ribbon cutting at 4 pm at the former Sears location in the mall for the new OK Military History Exhibit. The exhibit spans 40,000 sq. ft showcasing all eras of war and all service branches, according to Executive Director, Elaine Johns. Johns states, "The exhibit, which is not currently Smithsonian quality will show NW Oklahoma the need to establish a new military museum." Corvettes, muscle cars, antique cars and classics will be showcased from 11 – 6 pm. Food truck festival will be held outdoors with seating available for families. A large craft/vendor fair will be held in the mall featuring a variety of vendors. Bounce houses, escape room, shuffle board, candy stores and mall vendors will be open for the event. A special focus on the Blue Star Mothers will be held and to enter the exhibit, visitors are asked to bring an item to place in care boxes that are being sent overseas to our Oklahoma troops serving in Africa. Donations can be accepted to offset the costs of postage.

On Monday, November 6, the campaign will be aimed at passing out yellow ribbons in support of military veterans, first responders, and active-duty armed forces. We'll be holding an opening ceremony at 6:30 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Stride Bank Center in downtown Enid. The ceremony will include a proclamation from Enid Mayor David Mason, patriotic music, a yellow ribbon challenge to schools and our community and the keynote speaker will be Bob Ford, a US Army combat veteran from the Vietnam era. Winners from the schools art contest will be recognized and gift certificates will be presented at that event by Col Charles Throckmorton IV, Commander of Vance AFB. A free heat/air system from Dense Mechanical will be awarded to a worthy veteran. Tox Morillo has painted a portrait of his rendition of the War Horse. The Steven Spielberg movie depicts a young man whose horse is taken by the cavalry for the war effort. It will be raffled off Monday during the ceremony. The public is encouraged to attend in honor of our veterans. The event is free to the public.

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9:30 am Registration 10:30 am Departure Ride to Remember  
Motorcycles/Cars/Trucks - 100 Mile Ride to Military Sites  
ML Becker Educational Center - Woodring Regional Airport  
4:00 pm Ribbon Cutting OK Military Exhibit at Oakwood Mall  
Food Truck Festival, Vendors, Car Show, Live Music, Family Friendly

**MONDAY NOV 6**  
6:30 pm Kick-off Ceremony  
Grand Ballroom - Stride Bank Center - 301 S. Independence

**TUESDAY NOV 7**  
10 am Tree Planting Ceremony - Vance AFB Main Road

**WEDNESDAY NOV 8**  
11:30 am Free Luncheon for Veterans - First Baptist Church, Enid  
401 W. Maine St. in downtown Enid

**THURSDAY NOV 9**  
7 pm Sara Evans Concert - Stride Bank Center

**FRIDAY NOV 10**  
6:30 pm Legacy Ball & Award Ceremony - Stride Bank Center  
Talk of the Town WWII Swing Band - Free to the Public

**SATURDAY NOV 11**  
11 am Veterans Day Parade - Downtown Enid

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## 2023 VEIN DRAIN GOT GUTS?

### Hennessey High School Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 31  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Auditorium - Conference Room

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## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 25  
Red Ribbon Week (Day 3/5)  
10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime  
**6 – 9pm Fall Family Night at First Baptist**

Thursday, October 26  
Red Ribbon Week (Day 4/5)  
12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe  
6 – 7pm 5th/6th grade Chorus Concert

Friday, October 27  
Red Ribbon Week (Day 5/5)  
Marshall Haunted House  
HHS Career Day  
7 – 9pm HS Football vs Millwood (A)

Saturday, October 28  
Marshall Haunted House  
Chorus JH/HS All State Auditions  
HS Cross Country State  
OSSBDA All-State Band Auditions

Monday, October 30  
5th/6th Basketball Okeene Tournament (Day 1/6)  
4:30 – 6:30pm HS Girls Basketball Scrimmage vs Geary (H)

Tuesday, October 31  
5th/6th Basketball Okeene  
Tournament Halloween Parties  
**HENNESSEY Halloween**  
10am – 3pm Blood Drive  
Hosted by FCCLA

Wednesday, November 1  
5th/6th Basketball Okeene Tournament  
Reality Check (Seniors)  
First Day of American Indian Heritage Month  
10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, November 2  
5th/6th Basketball Okeene Tournament  
12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe  
6:30 – 7:30pm OK2A Meeting Vernost

Friday, November 3  
5th/6th Basketball Okeene Tournament  
Speech & Debate - Okarche Tournament  
Pre-game meal hosted by the Hennessey Mother's Club  
10am Library opens late  
7 – 9pm HS Football vs Newkirk (H)

Saturday, November 4  
5th/6th Basketball Okeene Tournament  
Speech & Debate - Okarche Tournament  
OkMEA All-State Band Auditions  
Red Carpet Honor Band Auditions

Sunday, November 5  
Daylight Saving Time ends

Monday, November 6  
4:30 – 6:30pm JH BB vs Fairview (A)

Tuesday, November 7  
Election Day  
8am – 12pm Pre ACT (10th grade)  
4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club  
Hennessey Public Library  
4:30 – 6:30pm JH BB vs Kingfisher (A)

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Long Term Care Authority of Enid Area Agency on Aging is scheduled to be in your area to aid Medicare Beneficiaries in completing a review of their Part D Prescription coverage and comparison on plans, premiums, and coverage for 2023. This event will be held on October 27, 2023, from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Hennessey Mercantile, located at 100 N. Main St. in Hennessey, OK. Sponsored by Hennessey United.

Medicare's open enrollment begins Oct. 15th and ends Dec. 7th. This period is the time of year when certain changes can be made to one's Medicare health plan and prescription medication coverage.

LTCA of Enid Area Agency on Aging certified Medicare counselors will be available to help people compare, select, and enroll in the Part D Prescription plan that best meets their individual needs, as Medicare Part D Prescription plans can change every year. Counselors will also assist individuals in applying for extra financial assistance for the cost of prescription plan costs.



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## HENNESSEY HALLOWEEN 2023 INFORMATION

**Hennessey Businesses on Main Street** will pass out treats from 3:00 to 4:30 Tuesday, October 31st. List of those participating will be posted later.

**Door to door trick or treating** is 6:00 - 8:30.

Only houses with their porch light on.

**Hennessey Nursing & Rehab** will give candy to the children of Hennessey from 6:00 - 8:00 or candy runs out. **The care center is needing candy so the residents can hand it out on October 31st, please bring it by the front office or the activities department at your earliest convenience. You can find collection boxes at 4T's, Dollar Tree, and Dollar General**



**The Haunted Library** will be from 6:00 - 8:00

The library is accepting candy donations. You can find collection box at 4T's.

**Trunk or Treat** will be from 6:00 - 8:30 all on 3rd & 4th Street, The First Christian Church and Church of Christ will Trunk or Treat in their parking lots.

**Other possibilities for candy donations....**

The **Hennessey Police Department** bring candy to Town Hall Note that it is for the PD

The **Hennessey Fire Department** bring candy to Town Hall marked for the FD. The fire department will pass candy out in front of the fire department Halloween night. They ask that everyone please park in front of the library and avoid the construction area. No parking behind FD or library.

**Hennessey Lion's Club 2nd Annual Pumpkin Contest "Let's line the streets with pumpkins"**

This is for ALL ages, {carve it, paint it, decorate it just (NO FLAMES)}. Bring it to Town Hall between October 23-30th and register it to win a fun prize. Pumpkins will be displayed outside in front of Town Hall for everyone to admire during Trick or Treat of the Businesses on October 31 st from 3:30- 4:30. Winners will be chosen by Lions Club members on October 31st. All pumpkins and prizes may be picked up the following Day November 1st

*Please drive carefully that night we want all of our little goblins to return home safely.*

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## HENNESSEY SCHOOLS FEATURE INTERNS

Claire Ferrell is a senior at HHS. Her internship is taking place at Hennessey Elementary with long-time first-grade teacher, Gerri Russell. Claire has been in the Hennessey School system since kindergarten and now as a high school student, she has been a member of the HHS band for four years and has been a member of the National Honor Society for several years. In addition to her school activities and family time, she has worked for the Hennessey Veterinary Clinic since she was in the eighth grade.



Claire is interested in Early Childhood Education. There wasn't a single definitive moment when she decided on this, but rather a realization that she came to after years of working around children at church and in her own home. Claire feels fortunate to be working under the guidance and knowledge provided by her mentor, Mrs. Russell, who has been working in the field of education for over 35 years. Claire has stated that her favorite thing about the internship is watching the students learn.

Adaptability is the answer Mrs. Russell provided when asked to define Claire in one word. She went on to explain that every day there is an element of surprise for Claire when she enters her classroom. However, no matter the tasks at hand, Claire approaches each one and completes it with pleasure!

After graduation, Claire is planning on obtaining a degree in Early Childhood Education from Harding University located in Searcy, Arkansas.



Jara Simunek is a senior at HHS. She was born in Oklahoma City. She spent several years in Bixby, Oklahoma before moving to Hennessey and beginning school here in third grade.

She is currently the president of the FCCLA organization of HHS. She also served the organization as vice president during her 9th, 10th and 11th grade years and handled all of the social media tasks.

Jara is currently interning with HHS secretary, Carolina Villalobos. She is taking a slightly different pathway for her internship. Jara plans on becoming a certified welder, but she has chosen to work in the HHS administrative office to become more comfortable with her communication skills. She knows that communicating effectively is an extremely important skill for success in almost all careers, and she decided her extra time available in high school was better served developing what can be described through the internship curriculum as her "soft skills".

Jara grew up on a farm, the exposure to farm living sparked her interest in welding. Growing up, she observed her father and uncle weld and she began to experiment herself with her father's blessing. Jara's father has mentioned to her more than once that she is a better welder than he is.

Jara plans on attending a vocational/technology school to earn her certification in welding. She eventually desires to become a traveling welder.

Both Claire and Jara are part of the Hennessey School Career & Internship Program. This program, directed by Kim Hallmark matches students with business allowing them to experience real-life day-to-day operations in a career field they have an interest in.



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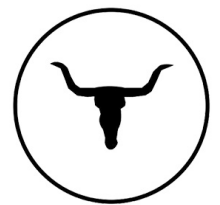
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## FIFTY TEACHERS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$25,000 IN FREE CLASSROOM SUPPLIES



Fifty Hennessey teachers now have hundreds of dollars of classroom supplies and hands-on activities after attending an energy education workshop sponsored by the people of Oklahoma Oil & Natural Gas at Hennessey High School last Saturday (October 21st). In total, the teachers received \$25,890 in materials and equipment.

The event, organized by the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (OERB), provided Hennessey teachers with innovative tools to enhance their lesson plans and engage students. In an effort to bolster STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education in Oklahoma, the workshop introduced teachers to a selection of nine energy-related curricula designed for students from kindergarten through 12th grade. These curricula offer real-world applications that supplement existing lesson plans.

Upon completing the workshop, each teacher received a curriculum guide and a complimentary classroom equipment kit, valued at up to \$1,300. These kits contained a variety of essential supplies, from graphing calculators to graduated cylinders, pencils, and rulers, significantly enriching classroom resources. As an extra incentive, teachers who implement the curriculum in their classrooms are eligible for a free field trip program to one of 13 partner museums statewide.

Hennessey Elementary teacher, Priya Humphries said, "The trainers modeled the activity so we already know how to present these new learning tools when we get to our classroom."

Hennessey High School will also receive \$2,000 for math and science supplies for hosting the workshop. All of the materials and training are voluntarily funded by the people of Oklahoma Oil & Natural Gas.



## EDUCATION FOUNDATION DELIVERS FOR TEACHERS



Last Friday was an early Christmas for many Hennessey teachers when the Hennessey Education School Foundation (HESF) handed out \$98,509 in grants to 44 teachers. The foundation also purchased a large poster printer for the Middle School and High School to share.



The HESF started in 1990 to help our teachers fund educational projects and supplies that are fun and exciting for their classrooms. In addition to the teacher grants the foundation offers any graduating Hennessey student up to \$20,000 in scholarships. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 1st 2024. Students or parents may also contact the high school counselor, Jill Moery.



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