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-HENNESSEY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER-

4T'S GOES SOLAR



It's no secret that the cost of groceries has gone through the roof and Tim Taylor is going to the roof for savings! Tim said, "We did a major remodel in 2015 that reduced our energy load by 40% but over the years with inflation all that savings has gone away."

The Taylors are constantly looking for ways to save on operating cost that just keep going up. They applied and received a Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant. This Program is a point-based program designed to assist smaller communities that lack sufficient fiscal capacity. This essentially allows the Taylors to get a rebate on the taxes they paid over the past 3 years to pay for the system.

This grant allows them to install the 320 solar panels on the roof of the store all pitched at a 10% angle to the south to collect the maximum amount of sun. When done the roof will be covered with the panels that are held on with 750 cement blocks that are evenly distributed across the roof. Before the work began everything had to be engineered to be sure the weight load on the roof was sufficient.

Tim said they started the application process in February 2022 and after filling out many forms got word they were approved for the grant in June 2023. After many delays and working through the government paperwork, the work was finally scheduled to start in July. But the work didn't actually get started until last week when the contractor arrived and started the installation.

When complete the system should offer the Taylors a 30% savings on their electric bill. This is a direct-use solar system meaning there are no batteries for storage and the energy produced is used right away. The system is designed to sell any excess energy produced back to OG&E but Tim said they expect to use everything produced.

HENNESSEY CELEBRATES OUR VETERANS

On November 10th, Hennessey schools took a moment to recognize and honor our veterans on Veterans Day 2023. The National Anthem was beautifully performed by the Hennessey Choir as our esteemed 10 Hennessey veterans made their way into the auditorium, accompanied by a solemn presentation of the Colors.



One of our own, Raeanna Fuksa, stepped forward to present the history of Veterans Day, a meaningful reminder of its significance. The 5th - 8th grade Choir then filled the room with heartfelt melodies as they sang "We Honor You."

The stage was set for the featured speaker, Rev Ish Ingle, who was introduced by Fernando Armenta. Rev Ish Ingle delivered an inspiring message that stirred emotions and appreciation for our veterans. As a tribute to their service, a special slide presentation showcased all of Hennessey's Veterans, providing a visual testament to their sacrifice and dedication.

After the assembly, a gesture of gratitude awaited our veterans. They were treated to delicious snacks and touched by thank you letters from the students, a small token of appreciation for their selfless service.



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Senior Citizen's Center (Hennessey Community Center) needs a little assistance.

During the November 9th town board meeting, numerous senior citizens attended to address the challenges faced by the struggling senior citizens center. On a daily basis, the center caters to approximately 10 residents and provides meal deliveries to about 5 homebound individuals. The burden of utility bills, amounting to around \$800 per month, poses a significant financial strain on the center. Susan Henry spoke on behalf of the center, appealing to the town to consider covering the cost of utilities since they own the building.



Susan Henry proposes help for Senior Citizen's Center

It was noted that the town acquired ownership of the building approximately 3-5 years ago, coinciding with LaVonne O'Bryant taking on the managerial role at the center. Recognizing the potential benefits, the meeting discussed the possibility of making upgrades to the building. Such improvements could reduce utility expenses and make the premises more appealing for rental purposes, thus generating additional income to offset the costs. The proposal suggested that if the town were to assist with repairs and utilities, any funds obtained from renting out the space would be dedicated to covering the expenses.

However, to make an informed decision, the board members sought further details regarding the exact costs involved, including the expenses for building upgrades. It was also recommended that the town consult with the town attorney to ensure legal compliance. Consequently, the agenda item relating to the senior citizens center was postponed until the next town board meeting in December.

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Honestly, we absolutely adore Thanksgiving. We grew up with Thanksgiving being our major family holiday on our mom's family side. We listened to Christmas music on our trip to the Kiamichi mountains every November and crowded into our grandparents' cozy mountain house in a valley town called Honobia, OK. Dear, precious memories that we wouldn't trade for anything. Our mom is the youngest of 5 daughters and all 5 daughters and their families made the trip for our Thanksgiving memories to be so very precious like this. As the years passed by and we lost our grandparents, Thanksgiving traditions changed. We still get together with as many family members as we can, but it isn't the same.

We hope that you have these precious family traditions and memories to hold near to your heart too! Life inevitably moves on and then it is our turn to be responsible for the next generation's holiday traditions/memories. Let that sink in...we are responsible for our kids' traditions that they will pass on. I'm certain this isn't life-shattering news to you, but occasionally when I am reminded of this, I am shook. I'm not adult enough to be responsible for this much! Yet, here we are. So, let's make the memories. Do the things with your kids that meant so much to you when you were young. Let's pass on our traditions and memories and pray that they mean as much to them as they do to us.

Every year at Thanksgiving, our family sings "Count Your Many Blessings" (name them one by one) and it is beautiful. What a wonderful way to remind yourself that you need to consciously count the blessings that you have. It helps keep the negative thoughts at bay. There is still good in the world, still so much to be thankful for. Let's be thankful this season. We love you and pray that your Thanksgiving be a blessed one.

Here is a simple recipe that I recently modified. Sausage Balls made with pimento cheese instead of shredded cheddar. They are less dry and have a little spice that is perfect. Try it out this holiday season! (thanks to @southernlivingmag on Instagram for the pimento cheese inspo)

Summer's Sausage Balls

- 1lb sausage
- 12 oz pimento cheese
- 2 cups baking mix (such as Bisquick)

Mix all together. Preheat oven to 350°F. Roll into balls, I prefer about an inch in diameter. Bake on a baking sheet for 15-20 minutes (depending on the size that you roll them). You can make a double batch and freeze them to warm up small portions for a quick and yummy breakfast option, too.

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BRINGING THE ORIGINAL BACK TO LIFE

We have many established businesses and restaurants but what if we were to take that one step further and give Hennessey a mini-mall? That is exactly what Kelly Bullis envisioned when she renovated the building at 409 North Main; some may remember it as R&D Maintenance. This building has a unique story. According to our town historian, Scotty Hajek, this building was originally built to be a mini-mall called the Town Square. Today, Kelly has brought that same intention back and called it the 409 Center. She started the remodel in March of 2022, not without some hiccups along the way, but is more than happy with the new updated modern look both on the outside and inside.



The center has a total of 11, 300 square feet of rooms for rent, currently only 5 are available. Kelly sees these spaces as great for any home-based businesses looking to expand out of the home, a boutique, a hair or nail salon, or any business looking for an office. What's great about these individual spaces is that each room has its own door and private bathroom along with the flexibility to make your own schedule. The building has one big waiting area with furniture, a TV, a table, and chairs for all customers. Additionally, a small kitchen area for convenience. Each tenant will also have access to the conference room for any team meetings if necessary.

The location is ideally located on Highway 81 (Main Street) and parking is great for employees and customers with parking in both the front and in the back. Kelly loves the idea of each micro-business owner in the building being able to come together with the opportunity to network, share ideas, and help with the growth of each individual business. She sees this as a great way to help promote one another on social media and in person.

Kelly has been a licensed real estate agent for over a decade, and her passion for the industry has only grown stronger over the years. Being a small business owner herself, she wanted to be able to offer brick-and-mortar for any business to have in a great location.

Owner of the 409 Center, Bullis envisions a space where renters can come together and foster strong connections, whether it be for collaborative work or social gatherings. The center offers a versatile rental space suitable for small parties or business meetings, serving as a convenient central meeting point for various businesses. Renters will have the added benefit of access to a mini kitchen and can choose to rent the space on an hourly or daily basis.



Currently, tenants are moving in and setting up for an upcoming open house with amazing specials you will not want to miss! All About Hennessey will share the details as they develop. If you are interested in renting a space at 409 Center or would like more information, please call or text Kelly Bullis at 405-368-3443. Be sure to like 409 Center on Facebook.

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Benavides, Andres of Port Arthur, TX	
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Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Taylor, Jessica Joylynn of Enid, OK	
Improper Equipment	\$90.00
Rea, Sergio Alexander of Hennessey, OK	
Speeding School Zone	\$265.00
Bustamante, Armando of Oklahoma City, OK	
Speeding 11-15 Over	\$212.00
Guffey, Lexie Maeann of Hennessey, OK	
Improper Equipment	\$90.00
Goff, Tucker Briley of Hennessey, OK	
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Stowers, Teddy Ray of Moore, OK	
No Driver's License in Possession	\$165.00
Stowers, Teddy Ray of Moore, OK	
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Shaw, Jerri Lynn of Pawnee, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Durheim, Cecil Wayne of Enid, OK	
Failure to Obey Official Traffic Control Device	\$197.00
Blaney, Andrew Douglas of Edmond, OK	
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Lindsay III, James Bowie of Denham Springs, LA	
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Failure to Obey Official Traffic Control Device	\$197.00
Zaloudik, Jason Allen of Edmond, OK	
No Driver's License Issued	\$365.00
Lamproe, Dawson of Hennessey, OK	
No Insurance	\$180.00
Inn, Dennis Conrad of Dunnigan, CA	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Meeks, Emily of Kingfisher, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Nunez Montes, Lizeth of Drummond, OK	
Failure to Stop at Stop Sign	\$197.00
Simental, Monica of Hennessey, OK	
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INCIDENTS 11/12/23 - Outrage in public decency without issue. Ryan Owen Gilmore

TEAM HIGHLIGHT ABIDING HOME HEALTH

Roslynd Caton BSN, RN, WCN-N, is a dedicated nurse with 13 years of experience. For the past 7 years, Roslynd has been working in-home health care, but her journey began in the emergency room in California and Oklahoma. She also spent a year in case management before finding her passion in wound care.



In 2010, Roslynd obtained her RN, followed by her BSN in 2014. Her commitment to excellence led her to achieve a wound care certification (WCN-N) in 2023. Initially, Roslynd chose home health care, thinking it would be less chaotic than the ER, but she quickly realized that the organized chaos of the emergency room was just different.

Having a keen interest in wound care, Roslynd saw the tremendous need for assistance in treating complex wounds in the home setting. It has been incredibly rewarding for her to witness the healing process and make a difference in her patients' lives. Her expertise lies in treating traumatic wounds, deep wounds, pressure injuries, diabetic wounds, and wounds that require wound vacs.

Working closely with her patients in their homes, Roslynd has formed strong relationships and earned their trust in providing them with the care they require. She is dedicated to improving their quality of life and ensuring that they receive the support they need in their healing journey. Contact Abiding Home Health 580-366-4210

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To contribute to the Alfie Davis Recovery Fund, you can donate at Community StateBank. Simply mention "Alfie Davis" in the memo, and your contribution will make a difference!

We encourage everyone who wants to be a part of this meaningful cause to attend the CAT Meeting. Together, we can brainstorm ideas, share resources, and make Alfie's journey to recovery a little bit easier.

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Hennessey Vocal Festival
12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe

Friday, November 17

JH BB Lomega Tournament (Day 5/6)
Speech & Debate - Marlow Tournament (Day 1/2)
Pink Friday (Shop Small, Shop Local)

Saturday, November 18

JH BB Lomega Tournament (Day 6/6)
Speech & Debate - Marlow Tournament (Day 2/2)
SWOSU All-Senior Honor Band

Monday, November 20

Thanksgiving Break (Day 1/5)
10 – 11am HS Girls Basketball Scrimmage vs Pioneer (H)

Tuesday, November 21

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ADRIANA GONZALEZ

Adriana is a senior at HHS. She is an intern at Enid Dentistry and Braces and Great Plains Family Dentistry of Enid. Adriana was born in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, and has attended HPS since PreK. Adriana played volleyball in ninth and tenth grade and was crowned Kingfisher County Rodeo Queen in 2021. She began working at Sonic part-time in the 9th grade and then, at Seaboard Farms in the 10th grade, and a short stint at Walmart. Currently, she is working about 20 hours a week at the Texas Roadhouse in Enid. Since her internships are in Enid, this job fits perfectly in her schedule. When not working she enjoys riding horses when she wants to wind down.



Adriana is bilingual and has committed herself to helping those who need assistance with English which includes helping with tasks such as filing taxes, purchasing insurance, and making doctor appointments. She gets satisfaction from helping others. She is very proud to be a first-generation student, meaning that she will be among the first in her family to attend an institute of higher education.

She originally was interested in becoming a veterinarian. At the time, she was working at Seaboard Farms and was enjoying working with the animals. However, as time passed, she started to realize that there were other things she was interested in as well. She has always had an interest in cosmetology and she is considering getting her license and using that as a stepping stone to help pay for any expenses she might incur while attending a technology school or college. After graduation, she is strongly considering becoming a dental assistant, and perhaps, moving on to a degree in dental hygiene.



KOLBY PAINTER

Kolby Painter is a senior at HHS and is interested in becoming an electrician and is currently an intern with Farmers Electric Cooperative. His mentor is Kaleb Hladik.

Kolby was born in Enid, Oklahoma, and has attended HPS for 13 years. This is his 4th year to play on the HHS basketball team and he intends to join the golf team for the first time this year as well. He enjoys helping his grandfather on

the farm any chance he gets and his favorite pastimes are playing video games, babysitting his cousin, and cooking. He takes the cooking quite seriously. He is the proud owner of three different types of grills and loves to serve up burgers, steaks, and his own

specialty items.

When Kolby was in the 10th grade he was given the opportunity to work on a short-term job with a couple of electricians. They needed an assistant and Kolby agreed to take them up on the offer. After that experience, he began to think seriously about considering a career as an electrician. The internship class gave him the option to delve a little deeper and see if becoming an electrician might be a good fit for him.

His internship mostly involves job shadowing. However, he assists with other tasks that help the team as they work. He calls in each morning to find out where the crew is going and he reports to the work site. He never really knows where he may be on any given day. Some days the work is on the HPS campus.

Kaleb has given Kolby some guidance by sharing his own pathway to becoming an electrician. He has also spoken with a representative from OSU about their program and is giving it some thought. He will have much to consider in the following months before deciding on the pathway that is best for him.

Both Adriana and Kolby 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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-HENNESSEY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER-

Local FFA Members Awarded National American FFA Degree

Indianapolis (November 1st- November 4th/National FFA Organization)
– Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. This year over 4,400 American Degrees were awarded.

Emily Hawk and Ryan Pribil, members of the Hennessey FFA chapter in Oklahoma, were awarded the American FFA Degree at the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo on November 4, 2023.

Sponsored by Cargill, Case IH, Elanco Animal Health, and Syngenta, the award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing, or service programs. To be eligible, FFA members must have earned at least \$10,000 or earned at least \$2,000 and worked at least 2,250 hrs outside of class time through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they own their own business, hold a professional position as an employee, or conduct research. Recipients must also complete 50 hours of community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement through completion of a long list of FFA and community activities. Less than one percent of FFA members achieve the American FFA Degree.

There were 10 students from the chapter who qualified to attend the 2023 National FFA Convention.

Amey Haymaker-President, Hannah Swart-Vice President, Brooklyn Harris-Secretary, Kaden Kennedy- Treasurer, Cale Dickens-Reporter, Leah Dickens-Sentinel, Adin Dickens, Paeton Choate, Jenna Hladik, and Wyatt Muzny. The chapter began the fun, yet educational trip touring Hunter's Honey Farm in Martinsville, Indiana where they saw how honey is made, harvested, and supplied to the world. At the convention, students attended the "Know Your Worth" leadership workshop where they learned how to demonstrate their personal worth in a professional setting. They also interacted with FFA members and industry professionals from across the country at the trade and career show. The trip wouldn't have been complete without, "kissing the bricks." Students learned about the rich history as they were driven around the Indianapolis Speedway (Brickyard), and indeed kissed the bricks! The trip concluded with students visiting the Arch in St. Louis on the way home, and of course, stopped to watch the final "Bedlam," game. GO POKES!



Front row-left to right: Hannah Swart, Amey Haymaker, Emily Hawk, Ryan Pribil, Leah Dickens, Jenna Hladik, Brooklyn Harris. Back row-left to right: Jorge Huizar (Advisor), Adin Dickens, Kaden Kennedy, Cale Dickens, Paeton Choate, Wyatt Muzny.

2023 LADY EAGLES SOFTBALL BANQUET

Lady Eagle Softball players, coaches, and families gathered for the end-of-the-season banquet at The Concept Event Center on Thursday evening, November 9th. Attendees were treated to dinner, and dessert and played a fun game of "Guess which coach does this". Coaches and players were recognized and awarded for their accomplishments throughout the season—photo by Chandra Seiger.



SENIOR CLASS VISITS OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITAL

Thirty three of HHS's superior Senior class members, traveled to the Oklahoma State Capitol, along with their History teacher, Mrs. Marie Parrish and principal, Joshua Faulkner and several members of Hennessey United. This is an annual field trip sponsored by the members of Hennessey United as a partnership with HHS for a leadership program.

The Seniors were met by Rep. Mike Dobrinski and Senator Chuck Hall. The dignitaries and their staff allowed the students to explore the capitol and take a tour. The students were also allowed to have a seat in a senators' chair in the Senate Chambers.

Lunch was provided by Hennessey United and students toured the capitol museum and shopped at the capitol gift shop. Several of the students had one on one conversations with Rep. Dobrinski found that he genuinely saw them as constituents. All in all, it was a capital day! Photos by Jude Hestand

