

### **GROUND WORK BETWEEN THE** LIBRARY AND FIRE STATION

James Matousek and Brandon Scott were present at the special town board meeting on Thursday, November 29th. The board discussed improvements to the area surrounding the new addition to the fire station. The proposed plan involves removing the concrete between the library and fire department and replacing it with grass. Additionally, a concrete walkway will be constructed on the south side of the



building, going from the south side door to the front entrance of the station.

New concrete will also be required around and behind the station. The board approved Daniel Construction to redo the entire area on the north side where the firefighters park their vehicles. The estimated cost for the areas outlined in red and green (as shown in the picture) is \$25,600, with a maximum budget of \$30,000 set by the board. There are plans to build a new helicopter pad at the back of the fire department where the grassy area is located (old T-ball field). How-

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### WASTE WATER ORDINANCE 387 PASSED

The purpose of Ordinance No. 387, passed by the Town of Hennessey, is to govern the direct disposal of hauled waste into the wastewater treatment plant. The ordinance intends to safeguard the efficient operation of the treatment plant and uphold the well-being and safety of the community by outlining acceptable and unacceptable discharges, determining user fees, and outlining penalties for any breaches of the regulations. There was also discussion on putting cameras at the site and having officers patrol area to enforce the ordinance.

Access to the service can be obtained by any person or entity by making a request at Hennessey Town Hall from Monday to Friday, between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Local Hennessey businesses can request a key for 24-hour access. Out-of-town businesses can also obtain a key for 24-hour access by paying a minimum of \$1000 per month. All key holders must record each dump they make (including amount, date, and time) and place the record in the provided lock box. Billing will be handled at the end of each month with a Net 10 payment term.

Any individual or entity found in violation of the Ordinance or who provides false information on their application will be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000. Each improper discharge will be considered a separate offense under this Ordinance. The entire Ordinance can be read at hennesseyok.org/ordinance-no-387



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#### Ground work continued...

ever, the implementation of this plan may be staged depending on the availability of upcoming REAP grants. Construction of a road from the back of the fire department to Cherokee street is also being considered to improve access.



#### WE HAVE A NEW ADDITION TO OUR TOWN -CASEY'S IS NOW OPEN AND READY TO SERVE YOU!

The town of Hennessey along with All About Hennessey held a ribbon cutting Monday morning, December 4th. In attendance was Town Administrator Tiffany Tillman, Vice Mayor Harold Shaw, District Manager for Casey's Christine Shropshire, Hennessey Store Manager Jacob Harris, and many of their staff from area locations, who are here to provide training and ensure a smooth transition.

Casey's will soon add more food and store items as it continues to transition.

If you download the Casey's app right now, you can take advantage of their special "24 Days of Christmas" promotion. Get amazing deals and treats throughout this holiday season.

Join us in giving a warm welcome to Casey's in Hennessey! We're happy to have them and wish them well in our community. Make sure to swing by and discover all that Casey's has to offer!



### **The Alfred Davis Fundraiser**

The Alfred Davis fundraiser was like a heartwarming scene from "It's a Wonderful Life." The Christmas spirit was in full swing as supporters turned out in droves to show their love for Alfie, who was able to be present himself. The atmosphere was brimming with joy as generous donations poured in and attendees indulged in scrumptious pulled pork sandwiches expertly prepared by Michael Drake. Mouthwatering chips and



delectable desserts added to the festive ambience, complemented by the musical talents of Tim Holder.

The highlight of the event was the lively auction, where an abundance of generosity was on display. Bidders eagerly competed for a wide array of items, ranging from fishing poles to pecans, gift baskets, air fryers, various meats and much more. The excitement was infectious, when a young boy joyously leapt in the air upon winning a knife, and a little girl happily walked away with a crocheted Grinch hat, scarf, and glove set. Justin Choate's witty banter as the auctioneer kept the crowd engaged, ensuring a fastpaced and successful event. Additionally, raffles for a gun and guided hunt added to the evening's triumph, greatly benefiting the Davis family.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the community action team and all the kind-hearted individuals who generously donated items and attended the fundraiser. Their collective efforts made the Alfred Davis fundraiser an overwhelming success, truly capturing the essence of the holiday spirit.



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# He Led a Life of Danger: Doyle Miller

#### By Sara Jane Richter

This article might start with a couple of good analogies: comparing Mr. Miller to popular British agent OO7 or perhaps to the "Secret Agent Man" TV series hero. However, 007 and Secret Agent man appear in the works of British fiction while Mr. Miller is a real-life American hero who worked for our federal government, and we all know that real life does serve as the template for fiction.

First and foremost, Doyle Miller is an Okie, a proud Okie. Born in Elk City and raised in Fairview, Miller is no stranger to hard work and book learning. Securing a basketball scholarship to Oklahoma Christian University, he later attended OU Law School. Then, he entered the US Army, earned an OCS commission, served at Ft. Knox in Tennessee and then in Mannheim, Germany, beginning in 1969 as a member of the 5/68th/3rd Brigade/8th Infantry. He met his future wife Dorothy (Dot), a teacher from Iowa, in Germany.



Doyle Miller with Ronald Regan

Upon completion of his military service, he completed law school, passed the BAR exam, and worked as the Assistant District Attorney in Garfield County. In the meantime, he secured his private pilot license. Miller possessed an innate ability of marksmanship and held a place on the All-Army Reserve High-Powered Rifle Team. He then decided to take the civil service examination and passed.

He entered the Secret Service in 1971 and trained in Washington, D.C. His primary responsibility involved counterfeit currency resulting in his attachment to the Treasury Department. Eventually, his duty included protecting the President of the US, and he served in that capacity in the US and abroad for presidents Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, and Ronald Reagan. For example, he had the task of providing security in Vienna, Austria, for President Carter at the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) in 1979. He also became Reagan's designated "cowboy rider"; when the President wished to ride horses on his California ranch, Miller saddled up alongside him. He also shared time with President Reagan in his wood shop amid the sawdust and lathe.

Miller also had the responsibility of providing protective services to visiting international dignitaries visiting the US, such as Jordan's King Hussein and his family who really seemed to enjoy eating pizza. In addition, he did the groundwork for completing security measures in such diverse exotic locations as Lagos, Nigeria, and Lima, Peru. As his career continued, he also took specialized training in subjects as diverse as driving the presidential limousine, delivering babies, and fighting fires.

Many of the stories that he shared are not for publication, but his daughter encourages him to write his autobiography—when his pledge of secrecy has ended. He has many tales to tell about his years in the Secret Service. For example, once, when President Carter flew from Camp David to Washington, DC, one of the plane's engines stopped. Thankfully, the other engine started up just in the nick of time to keep the plane in the air, but not before passengers, including Miller, said quick prayers and held their collective breath.

He came to know each President he served rather well and noted their different personalities, realizing that he had to be familiar with each man in order to provide top-notch protection services for them. Miller indicated that Ford and Reagan were amiable, talkative men while Nixon and Carter were reserved and quiet.

Miller retired from the Secret Service after nine years when he was transferred to New York City. He didn't wish to raise his two sons and daughter in the city, so he opted to retire and return to Oklahoma to make a home. About his illustrious career, he said that he "had a good time and a good wife," and that, that was about all any one man could do and be proud of.

Once back on his home soil of central Oklahoma, he worked as the Assistant District Attorney for Kingfisher County. After his retirement from that office, he moved to a farm west of Hennessey where he lives with his wife. Together, they enjoy the company of their family, especially playing active roles in the lives of their busy grandchildren.

Doyle Miller can regale any listener with a wealth of fascinating stories filled with famous names, distant locations, important dates, and world events. He was in the middle of it all for nearly a decade, facing changing circumstances with his hand near his service weapons at all times. Mr. Miller lived a life of danger, serving his nation to keep it safe from intrigue and injury. He is a real-life hero who deserves respect. If you're lucky enough to be in his company, be ready to listen and learn about what a real government agent does. You won't be disappointed.



Jimmy Carter with Leonid Brezhnev at the (SALT) talks in Austria 1979 Doyle can be seen in the middle of the photo.



#### To Our Family, Friends and The Community...

We would like to extend our deepest Thank you. Thank you for everything you have done. Thank you for the food, the offerings and your unwavering support in our time of loss. We take comfort in everything everyone has done; without all of you, it would have been much more difficult.

To the Hennessey Public Schools... Thank you for allowing us to hold the service in the auditorium. It would have been near impossible to accommodate everyone anywhere else.

To everyone who graciously donated to the scholarship fund in honor of Jarrett, THANK YOU so very much.



To the individual who selflessly donated to his funeral costs, we are forever grateful. It was an unexpected gift and you'll never truly know how much it meant to us.

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Sincerely, The Jarrett Andrew Smith Family.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



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# **Calendar**

Wednesday, December 6 HS Basketball Frontier Tournament (Day 3/6) 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, December 7 HS Basketball Frontier Tournament (Day 4/6) 12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe **6 – 7pm Christmas Chorus Concert** 6:30 – 7:30pm OK2A Meeting Vernost Wine Co

Friday, December 8 HS Basketball Frontier Tournament (Day 5/6) Flatlands Marketplace (Day 1/3) HS Chorus OSAI Workshop HS Wrestling (boys) @ Newkirk

Saturday, December 9 HS Basketball Frontier Tournament (Day 6/6) Flatlands Marketplace (Day 2/3) Hennessey Christmas Events All-Area Honor Band Auditions

HS Wrestling (girls) @ Newkirk

Sunday, December 10 Flatlands Marketplace (Day 3/3) HS Football Banquet

Monday, December 11 4 – 6pm 5th/6th Basketball vs OBA (H) 4 – 6pm JH BB vs OBA (H) 4:30 – 5:30pm Library Board **7 – 8pm School Board Meeting** 

Tuesday, December 12 **3rd/4th Christmas Program** 4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Hennessey Public Library 6:30 – 8:30pm HS Basketball vs Harding Fine Arts (A)

> Wednesday, December 13 Elementary AR Reward Trip 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, December 14 ES/ECC Christmas Parties 12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe **6 – 7pm Town Board Meeting**  The Hennessey Ag Boosters invite you to the annual Calf Fry and Labor Auction on January 26th at 6 P.M. at the Concept Event Center 17172 E0640 Rd Suite 2, Hennessey, OK 73742





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#### HENNESSEY SCHOOLS FEATURE INTERNS

Alondra Portillo is a senior at HHS. She is an intern for Megan Lippard at Blossom Beauty Bar in Enid. Alondra was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Her family moved to Hennessey to be closer to family when she was very young and she has attended HPS since kindergarten. She is a member of NHS (National Honor Society) and YAHL (Youth Action for Health Leadership). She has also been a member of the Hennessey girls' volleyball team for four years. Currently, she is working at Casa Teja here in Hennessey. Alondra's favorite past time is rather unique. She creates flower

bouquets. This hobby was something she stumbled across when she needed a bouquet to give to a friend. Friends and family were so impressed by her creations, they began requesting the bouquets, and now she has her own little business on the side selling her bouquets. A little over a year ago, Alondra was involved in a serious ATV accident. She had some serious injuries to her facial area. This required a delicate surgery to prevent severe scarring to her face. The plastic surgeon and the team did such a wonderful job, and Alondra was so pleased, she began to consider a career as an aesthetic nurse. An aesthetic nurse's primary focus is cosmetic and dermatological procedures. Nurses in this field commonly work at outpatient surgical centers or medical spas. Alondra shared that she is thoroughly enjoying her time at the Blossom Bar under the guidance of Megan Lippard. While she can't actually do a lot of hands-on tasks, she has been able to observe a variety of procedures including, laser hair reduction, chemical peels and botox injections, just to name a few. Alondra has been able to ask questions during the procedures and Megan is always willing to share her knowledge and expertise with her. After graduation, Alondra plans on attending Rose State College to begin the nursing track and then transfer to the University of Oklahoma to finish her degree.

Cameron Griffin, like many other Hennessey students, was

born here and has attended HPS since his schooling started. He has been very active the past four years in extracurricular activities. He played four years on the HHS football team and this spring will be playing his fourth season of baseball. Wrestling became an option at HHS last year and he has participated both years in that sport as well. He managed to work a couple of jobs in the last few years. He was a lifeguard at the Vernie Snow Aquatic Center in Kingfisher the spring

and summer of his sophomore year. After football season his junior year, he began working at Pizza Hut and continued with that job for almost a year. He now currently works with his father on their ranch. He is also very active in the youth group at the First Baptist Church. With little time between extracurricular activities, school, and work, he had a hard time coming up with his favorite past time, but eventually settled on "hanging out with his friends".

Cameron is an intern under the director of the HHS Choir Department, Riley Faulkner. He has been a member of the HHS choir all four years. You can look for Cameron in the upcoming musical this year, "The Addams Family". This will not be his first musical experience. When only in the sixth grade, Cameron was selected to play a part in the musical, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." A couple of years later he was very excited about participating in the musical, "Newsies". However, when the production was only two weeks away, it had to be cancelled due to Covid. A big disappointment for Cameron and the whole department. Last year, as a junior, he played the part of the donkey in the musical "Shrek". It was a big hit for all who attended. Cameron has enjoyed his time as a choir member and enjoys helping out with the department this year as an intern. However, he doesn't see teaching music in his future. He still has a lot of thinking to do, but he has mentioned a career in mass communications. This degree would give him a diverse choice of jobs. He isn't ready to commit to anything fully at this point. When the craziness of high school is over and he moves into the college of his choice, he has stated that he will start thinking seriously about what

career path he will take. After graduation, he plans on attending Oklahoma State University or Northwestern Oklahoma State University.



#### HENNESSEY HOMECOMING STARTS OFF THE SEASON

Homecoming for the start of the Hennessey Eagles basketball season! Your homecoming king and queen were Weston Smith and Kadee Meeker. The boys were looking to rebound after an exit proceeding the first round of state. They kicked off their season against the Harding Fine Arts Firehawks. It's safe to presume that they got off to a favorable start. In replaconcrete of Layton

Choate and Seth Simunek, new transfers Camdyn and Braedyn Richardon had shoes to fill, but with the help of returning starters James Sims, Jael Torres, and Hunter Weber, the Eagles are primed to have a good season. 3 Eagles combined for double digit points in the first half alone, and the Eagles sat on top 52-3. In the second half the 2nd team came in to clean up the rest of the game. The score ended 75-21. The eagles had 3 scorers tack on 18 in James Sims, Camdyn Richardson, and Hunter Weber. They play



one of the best teams they face all year on Friday vs Crooked Oak.

Homecoming and opening night for the Lady Eagles! The team is led by their homecoming queen Kadee Meeker as they head into the first season under new head coach Brian Richardson. The girls looked



to have the same success vs Harding as they did the prior season, in a 70+ shutout. It looked good early for the ladies as they once again held a very sizeable lead and the Firehawks had a donut on the scoreboard. Finally grabbing their first points to cut the deficit to 21-2. They went into half comfortably up 30-2. Harding would get a bit better on offense, and would nail some wild 3 pointers but the trio of Meeker, freshman Starr Torres, and sophomore Emma Sipe all combined to have 12 points apiece, and took care of Harding Fine Arts 65-12 in the end. Story by Taylor Ladwig, photos by Jude Hestand.

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#### The First Christian Church of Hennessey is in search of a Music Minister

We are looking for a someone musical to come in and lead music each Sunday. If you are interested, or know of someone, please send an email to fcchennessey@pldi. net with MUSIC MINISTER in the subject line.

#### TOWN HALL IS NOW HIRING FOR A Utility Billing Clerk

The Town of Hennessey is now accepting applications for Utility Billing Clerk. Candidate must be able to multi-task and work well with others. Money handling, accounts receivable and customer service experience preferred. Applications may be obtained at Town Hall. Submit application and/or resume at 123 S. Main or send to PO Box 306 Hennessey, OK 73742. The Town of Hennessey is an EOE facility

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### HENNESSEY PD IS HIRING FOR A FULL-TIME OFFICER

The Hennessey Police Department is accepting applications for a full-time police officer. Must be at least 21 years old, no felony convictions, crimes of moral turpitude or convictions of domestic violence. CLEET certification is desired but not required. Competitive salary and benefits package. Most equipment provided.

Applications can be obtained at the police department Monday-Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm, 110 East 2nd Street, or Town Hall 123 S. Main in Hennessey. The Town is an equal opportunity employer. (405) 853-7130



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#### Get into the Holiday Spirit: Join us for the Hennessey Lion's Club Christmas Extravaganza! THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH!!

Get ready for an exciting Christmas celebration in Hennessey this year! The Hennessey Lion's Club has organized a fantastic lineup of events that will take place on Main Street. The festivities kick off at 5pm with fun activities for kids, including inflatables and train rides (weather permitting) at Oklahoma Street.



At 6pm, be sure to catch the parade down Main Street. It promises to be a sight to behold, as participants will be decorating their cars, trucks, or tractors. The aim is to create a magical atmosphere for the little ones and spread holiday cheer throughout the town.

Following the parade, Santa Claus will be at the Hennessey Mercantile, ready to meet children and hear their Christmas wishes. Don't miss this opportunity



to capture some special moments with Santa!

Finally, at 7pm, the highlight of the evening will be Mistletoe Magic. This is a drawing that will take place at Oklahoma Street, near the Hennessey Mercantile. The Lions Club has organized a chance for you to win gift certificates that can be redeemed at local

merchants. The more you shop, the more chances you have to win!

Make sure to keep your receipts dated between November 1st and December 8th, and bring them to Chasity at Interbank (not the drive-thru). For every \$5.00 spent, you will receive one ticket for the drawing. There is a minimum of one ticket per receipt and a maximum of 60 tickets per receipt. Remember to write your name on every ticket!

It's important to note that you must be present to win. Gift certificates will be drawn for on the evening of December 9th, and once your name is called, you have one minute to claim your prize. The gift certificates will expire on March 31, 2024, so make sure to use them before then. Support local merchants by using the gift certificates to shop in town. Merchants may require you to spend the full amount in one go or provide credit if you spend only part of it.



For more information about this exciting Christmas event and everything happening in Hennessey, visit **allabouthennessey.com/discoverhennessey**.

### KCREA DONATES TO SANTA'S TOYLAND

Thanks to a donation from the Kingfisher County Retired Educators' Association, Christmas will be a bit brighter this year. KCREA has donated to Santa's Toyland for over fifteen years to bring joy and happiness to some deserving children and families in our community.

Brittney Hladik, Coordinator for Santa's Toyland, accepts a donation check from KCREA President Cathy Howard on behalf of the organization. KCREA also recently sponsored the Teacher Appreciation Week, which was held November 12 – 18, 2023, as tins of popcorn were distributed to the teacher lounges in various buildings regarding Kingfisher, Dover, Lomega, Hennessey, and Okarche Public Schools.

Members present for the photo are as follows (left to right): Dana Golbek, Treasurer; Nancy Teders, Past President; Debby Jorgensen, Vice-President; Cathy Howard, President; Brittney Hladik, Santa's Toyland Coordinator; LaRita Sipe, Membership Chairperson.

The next KCREA meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kingfisher Memorial Library. Guest speaker Stephanie Simpson with Integris Stroke Awareness will discuss ways to detect a potential stroke. All retired public school educators and staff are encouraged to attend this meeting.



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