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EVACUATION DUE TO GAS LEAK

Police and Fire departments took immediate action on Monday morning (December 18th) to evacuate buildings on the 100 block of S. Main St. The evacuation was necessary due to a gas leak caused by a construction crew working on the roof of the Hennessey First Baptist Church. The crew accidentally struck a large gas meter in the alley on the north side of the church. To ensure safety, the authorities blocked off roads in the surrounding area, preventing any traffic from entering. Oklahoma Natural Gas promptly accessed the situation and successfully contained the gas leak by 11:40 am. As a result, businesses were able to resume operations shortly after the leak was contained. The roads remained closed for a brief period of time until Oklahoma Natural Gas finished their work. Kingfisher County Emergency Management also responded to the scene to provide assistance.

TRUSTEES SAVE THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

The Hennessey Senior Citizen Center located on E. 2nd St has been a lifeline for residents for many years. This beloved center provides a place for seniors to socialize, play cards, enjoy a meal, and even receive meal deliveries if needed.

However, the center has faced financial challenges in recent years, particularly with rising utility expenses. The Town took ownership of the building a few years ago, but the center was still responsible for the utility bills.

Last month, several members of the group approached the Hennessey Board of Trustees, seeking assistance in taking over the utilities. At this month's meeting, the board voted to relieve the center of this burden by taking over all of the utility expenses. The crowd erupted in cheers and applause as the board approved their request.

This decision ensures that the Hennessey Senior Citizen Center can continue its vital services without the added worry of overwhelming utility costs. The senior residents can rest assured that their cherished gathering place will remain open, providing support and companionship for years to come.





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COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UNDERWAY



School bus barn east off hwy 51

will also feature a wash bay and offices. The addition is being building

New construction, repairs, and additions to several commercial buildings in Hennessey are underway. The Hennessey First Baptist Church is installing a new roof on their Sunday school building that was blown off last fall when a storm with 90 mph winds swept through

northern Kingfisher County.

The Hennessey Schools Bus Barn located on E. Hwy 51 is doubling in size. This addition creates a place to get all of the buses under a roof and protect them from the weather. This larger transportation building



Gregory Tire and Oil located north of Casey's

Just north of town on Hwy 81 (North of Casey's) will be the new home for Gregory Tire & Oil. This is located on Scott Hajek's commercial site along the highway and is being constructed by Ladwig Construction. The building is expected to be completed sometime in March.

Spreading Joy and Hope: Hennessey United Leadership Class Joins Forces with Reserve Angels

For 17 years, the Reserve Angels have been spreading Christmas cheer to families in need in the Hennessey and Dover area, this year alone, helping 54 families. Each year, the community comes together to purchase gifts for the Reserve Angel families, gifts are then given out by Hennessey first responders on Christmas Eve.

The "Reserve Angel" project has become a beloved tradition for the Hennessey United Hennessey High School Senior Leadership Class. Led by Mrs. Marie Parrish, the students are divided into groups and given a specific budget to shop for their assigned angels. With guidance from Reserve Angel organizer Shelley Burch, thirty-two students had two weeks to shop for eight families. They came together on December 12th for a fun wrapping party. The students truly enjoyed the experience, knowing that their efforts will bring joy to a child's face on Christmas. Each "Angel" will receive five gifts and a book.



Pictured: Teresa Oliver of Hennessey United, Marie Parrish Leadership class teacher, Cathy Howard of Hennessey United, and Shelley Burch Reserve Angel organizer

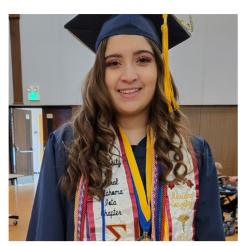
The Reserve Angels are tremendously grateful for the support of Mr. Parish's Leadership Classes. The students generously shopped for and wrapped gifts for eight Angel families. This incredible feat would not have been possible without the generous donations from the Hennessey United group and the leadership of Cathy Howard and Teresa Oliver. Additionally, the project received support from various donors, including the Jr. Paine family, Pioneer, Energy Metering Service, Seidle Family Foundation, and Interbank. Their generosity enabled the Reserve Angels to bring holiday happiness to these families in need.



BEING INSPIRED BY THE STUDENT

By Jack Quirk

I think it was about 2018 we were getting ready for a musical at the school and I asked for some help with props and technical things. One of the girls who volunteered was a shy 10th grader who was soft-spoken and a little reserved. But when this girl was given a task she got after it and saw it to completion. This girl was Mariana Gonzalez. We affectingly call her "Speedy

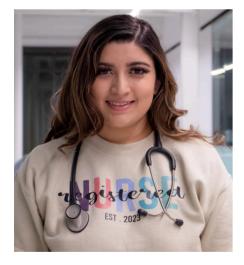


Gonzalez". During the rest of high school, Mariana interned with our company and then worked full-time for a short time. I was always hopeful that she would select journalism as her major because she was very good at her All About Hennessey assignments.

But her heart was set on nursing and she headed off to UCO to get her degree. But that start was not easy. Mariana and her class graduated in 2020 at the height of COVID-19 and started college with online classes. The thing that I admired about Mariana was her drive, dedication, and focus.

Throughout her time at UCO, she became heavily involved on campus and joined the Sigma Lambda Sorority where she held three executive positions. She was also a part of, and two-time executive member of Leaders of Tomorrow.

In her last year of college, she was elected and inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nurses, an organization that can only be joined by being in the top percent of the nursing graduating class. Lastly, she served as an executive member of the College of Nursing Student Nurse Association.



Additional achievements included receiving a clinical excellence award given to a select individual from UCO nursing students who show excellence in care, and critical thinking, and exemplify the role of a future nurse during clinicals, and the Distinguished Service Graduate award for completing 400 service hours throughout her time in college with several non-profits in the metro area.

Gonzalez states, "My proudest accomplishment was being able to finish a 4.5-5 year program in 3.5 years. At times it was strange how much younger I was from my peers but I know the reason that I was able to get ahead in my career was because of the amazing community and school I had growing up. Being a first-generation graduate was difficult but, from words of encouragement and guidance to the scholarships I received from Hennessey, I am grateful to everyone that has played a part in my journey." Gonzalez has accepted an offer to start as an ICU nurse this upcoming year.

All of her hard work, long hours and never giving up allowed Mariana to graduate debt-free. That shy girl I first met several years ago is now a driven leader who will go forward and help those in need.

I want to thank Mariana Gonzalez, RN for allowing me to be part of your journey. You have inspired me. **REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.** Click to view or paper readers can view online at allabouthennessey.com



CONGRATULATIONS LEVI COPELAND

We are pleased to extend our congratulations to Levi Copeland for being awarded firefighter of the year! Levi's commitment has been exceptional, excelling in call attendance while also successfully completing EMT Basic training.

Levi's dedication extends beyond the call of duty, as he has been present at every event and willingly taken on numerous additional tasks.



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HENNESSEY SMACKDOWN



On Saturday, December 16th, the 3rd Annual Hennessey Smackdown wrestling tournament took place at the dome. Participating and Placing in boys division were Stryker Keeton 4th, Miguel Bryson 3rd place, Titan Root 1st place, Valentin Lopez 4th, Valeria Valles 3rd, Wyatt Brown 2nd, Wyatt Reininger 4th, Zynnia Keeton 3rd, Nashon Wanzer 3rd, Parker Steward 6th Raiden Briley 2nd, Kason Scruggs 1st, Logan Fuksa 2nd, James Jones 2nd, James Morgan 5th, Jameson Ladwig, Jasper Dobbins 5th, Joel Ramirez 3rd, Josie Owens, Connor Kelly 3rd, Daniel Kelly 4th, Draven Tyree 2nd, Easton Rojo, Easton Smith 2nd, Liam Trotter, Luke Emerson, Nathan Villalobos. Weston Osland. Brendon Streck 4th. Brian Soto, Carson Robertson, Cash Hladik, Chance Morgan 3rd, Aaron Henderson 3rd, Aydenn Valles 2nd, Blakey Harak 2nd (75lb) 1st (100lb)

Girls participation and placing were as follows, Emily Bryson 1st, Kaisley Tabor 1st & outstanding wrestler, Chloe Kelly 1st & outstanding wrestler (85lb) 4th(84lb), Madison Owens 1st, Kasey Kelly 2nd, and Andrea Cox 1st



STUDENTS MAKE TRUSTEES AWARE OF TOBACCO ISSUES

The CounterAct Tobacco Hennessey team recently addressed the town trustees regarding the issue of tobacco regulation in Oklahoma. Currently, our state is one of just five that still maintain preemption, which limits local authority in areas such as licensure, smoke-free indoor air, and youth access to tobacco products.

During a recent town board meeting on December 14th, two Hennessey students, Abigail Holsten and Addison Null-Kelly, along with campaign manager Aisha Ensley, highlighted the absence of an ordinance against e-cigarettes in the town. The board, previously unaware of this fact, attentively listened to their presentation. CounterAct Tobacco, a youth-driven program advocating for a tobacco-free future, is extending its efforts throughout Oklahoma.

Presently, Oklahoma lacks retail licensure for e-cigarettes, vapes, and nicotine-only products. With only a sales tax permit required, the whereabouts of these products and their sale locations remain unknown. The absence of regulation for retailers may result in increased accessibility of tobacco products among youth.

The board of trustees expressed their gratitude to the team for their presentation and for bringing the issue to their attention. However, as it was not on the agenda, no immediate action could be taken.



left to right, Hennessey High School students Abigail Holsten & Addison Null-Kelly, and on the right, Aisha Ensley CounterAct Tobacco campaign manager.



Kathy Turner Obituary

The funeral for Kathy Turner, 76 will be at 11:30 AM Friday December 15, 2023 at Hennessey Church of Christ officiated by Regan Walters. Private family burial will be under the direction of Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home. Visitation will be Thursday from 5:00-7:00 PM at the funeral home.



Kathy was born in Port Neches, Texas on June 22, 1947 to James and Maxine Hartwick Terry and died Monday December 11, 2023 at St. Mary's Regional Hospital in Enid. She married Mannie Turner in Norton,

Texas June 27, 1965. Kathy was a member of Hennessey Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son Dale Turner of Dover, two grandchildren Ashley Muns and husband Kevin of Crescent, Chelsey Hux and husband Jeffrey of Kingfisher; eleven great-grandchildren Avery, Olive, Blaze, Evey, Thorin, and Leo Muns, Brehanna, Danica, Aurora, Axel, and Ember Hux; and one brother James Terry, Jr.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, husband Mannie; two sisters, Lisa and Deborah, and one brother David, and one niece Khillian.



Darby Wheeler Obituary

The Celebration of Life for Darby Wheeler will be Dec 20, 11 am at the First Christian Church in Hennessey.

Darby D. Wheeler passed away on December 14, 2023 at the age of 83, in Oklahoma City, OK. Born November 4, 1940 on the farm near Lovell, OK as the 4th child of Lloyd and Louise Melendy Wheeler, Darby started his primary education at Surprise School and finished his education by graduating from Hennessey High School. While attending Hennessey High, he loved playing football, was FFA president and served as Junior Class President.



Darby was married to Pansy Marshall on June 28th, 1959. They lived on the farm where Darby grew up and had 3 boys; Charles Howard, Arthur Duane and Lloyd Louis. The family moved to Cordell, OK for 2 years, before moving to Lamont and then eventually to Tonkawa. Over the years, Darby worked as a farmer where he was a wheat and swine producer. He worked as a welder building oil tanks and ended his career as a business owner where Darby and Pansy ran Wheeler Furniture Restoration for 18 years. On retirement, Darby and Pansy moved back to Hennessey.

Darby loved to hunt and fish with family and friends, especially his uncles. He was active in Oklahoma Junior Farm Bureau, where he served 1 year as state president. He enjoyed playing cards with the Lacey Card Club.

Darby was an active church member at Oak Grove Christian, First Christian Church Lamont, First Christian Church Tonkawa, and First Christian Church Hennessey where he served as deacon, elder and held several church positions. He also was actively involved in men's group at the church.

Darby was preceded in death by his parents, son Arthur Wheeler, his brother Lloyd Lewis Wheeler, sister Barbara Yeoman of Dover, and sister Beatrice Marshall of Hennessey.

He is survived by Pansy, his wife of 64 years, sons, Charles (wife Regina) of Guthrie, Lloyd (wife Lisa) of Tulsa, 3 grandchildren: Austin (wife Hayley) Wheeler of Tulsa, Allie Wheeler of Pryor, Sean Turk of Guthrie, and 4 great grandchildren; Brother-in-law Earl Marshall of Hennessy, Sister-in-law Coralen and Tom Cain of Madison, MS, Sister-in-law Joan Tribble of The Colony, TX, Sister-in-law Margaret Meek of Coppell, TX, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hennessey First Christian Church Memorial Fund or Hennessey School Foundation. Glenpool, Michelle Poteet of Ada, Heather Lott and husband James Glenn of Hennessey; three great-grandchildren Nathan and Rachel Poteet, Tyler Lott and special companion Hannah Poague; and one great-great grandchild Emry Laine Lott.

Arelene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jesse; two brothers and several nieces and nephews.

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Wednesday, December 20 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime (ages

> Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

NO PAPER DECEMBER 27TH

Sunday, December 31 New Years Eve

Monday, January 1 Happy New Years 2024!

> Wednesday, January 3 Back to school

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auction items will also be available. Please join us for a meal and labor auction fundraiser!





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