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DEVASTATING LATE-NIGHT BLAZE

Late in the evening on Friday, December 8th, a mobile home in Hennessey became the scene of a tragic fire. The residence, situated at 12768 E 630 Rd, belonged to Donnie Harris and was completely engulfed in flames by the time firefighters arrived. Regrettably, the home was completely destroyed, and initial investigations by the Hennessey Fire Department indicated that an electrical outlet, which had a space heater plugged into it, could be the cause of the fire. Miraculously, Harris managed to escape unharmed, and there were no reported injuries. Additionally, the Hennessey Fire Department received assistance from the Kingfisher County Sheriff's Department during the incident.

Jimmy Berkenbile, a member of the Community Action Team, emphasized the urgent need for financial support in cleaning up the charred remains. To contribute to Donnie's recovery, donations can be made at The Community State Bank, specifically to the Hennessey Community Action Team for the benefit of Donnie Harris. The same assistance can also be provided at the Hennessey First United Methodist Church.



FIRST FLATLANDS MARKETPLACE

The inaugural Flatlands Marketplace was a resounding success, marking the beginning of what promises to become a sensational monthly event. Vendors from both Hennessey and beyond flocked to showcase their merchandise. This three-day extravaganza takes place every second Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of each month. Ross Hardin,

the driving force behind this remarkable venture, expressed his gratitude to the inventors, Scott Hajek for his invaluable assistance in launching the idea, Discover Hennessey, and the All About Hennessey team for their exceptional promotional efforts. He also extended his appreciation to the shoppers whose participation was instrumental in making it a triumph. As Ross aptly put it,



"This is not just a gathering of strangers, but a gathering of friends you have yet to meet." The next upcoming event will be held on January 12th, 13th, and 14th, with hopes of even greater success each month. If you wish to join as a food or product vendor, reach out to Ross Hardin at 405-412-0800 before January 5th.



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UPDATE ON JOHN DEUTSCHENDORF MEMORIAL PAVILION

Phase one of the new John Deutschendorf Memorial Pavilion, located on West First Street downtown, is nearing completion. All the necessary parts have arrived for the construction, which was originally expected to be finished by Thanksgiving. However, it was decided that the building should be painted before being assembled in order to enhance its appearance. Thurmond Gas Measurement Co. has generously donated the black paint and labor required for this task. Due to the numerous small parts involved, the painting process is taking a bit longer than anticipated. Jack Quirk, the project coordinator, expressed his confidence that the wait will be worthwhile, as the finished building will be a beautiful addition to the public space. The updated timeline now aims to have the construction finished by the end of January.

The John Deutschendorf Memorial Pavilion is a project under the Discover Hennessey Program, made possible by the generous contributions of several Hennessey businesses including Hennessey Metal Buildings, F5 Construction, Lightle Sand & Construction, Dollar Trucking, Daniel Construction, Thurmond Gas Measurement Co., and Richard Simunek.







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Middle School Students of the Month of November



First picture are middle school students of the month for November. Alonzo Renteria, Alex Vazquez, Ryker Painter, Gage Hardin, Madilyn Moery, Alicia Moulton, Faith Martinez, Bailey Cooper, Cutter Scott, Raiden Briley, Chance Brewer, Brett Muzny, Nicole Vargas, Abril Montes, Kylie Stribel, Adriona Fischer, Pablo Roman, Kambree Trotter, Brianna Triana, Giovanni Haro. (Not pictured: Reese Meek)

EAGLE RUN WINNERS



2nd picture is Eagle Run winners: Ben Smith, Christopher Perez, Julianne Matousek, Barrit Hardin, Asher Ward, Brianna Triana, Jessica Matousek, Giovanni Haro, Emily Bryson, Avery Weimer, (Not picture, Connor Kelly and Brayan Loya Soto)





Merry Melodies

The annual Christmas concert presented by the Hennessey Choir Department took place on Thursday, December 7th. A delightful evening of music, titled "Merry Melodies," delighted the audience. The concert commenced with a touching performance of "Carol of the Bells" by students from 5th to 12th grades, who were positioned along the walls of the auditorium. After transitioning to the stage, each class showcased their musical talents. The 5th grade kicked off the performances with "Biggest Brightest Holiday Lights!" Following them, the 5th and 6th grades sang "Believe," and the 7th and 8th grades performed "Theme for Elf," "Sing we now of Christmas," and "Bit of Holiday Cheer." Lastly, the High School Choir mesmerized the audience with their enchanting renditions of "Mary Did You Know" and "Watch it Snow."





Frontier Shootout Champions!

The Hennessey Boys basketball went 3-0 in route to taking home 1st place at the shootout. In the championship game they faced off against the Wesleyan Christian Mustangs. Wesleyan jumped out to a quick lead, although missing a lot from downtown they were able to corral a lot of offensive boards and putbacks. James Sims led the eagles into halftime with 13 points, but they trailed 33-27. In the 2nd half though, defensive adjustments were made and the eagles slowly limited the Mustang offense. The Eagles took the lead and the momentum late in the third, and their defense held Wesleyan to 5 points in the 4th to take home the win. James and Jael Torres each had 15, Camdyn Richardson and Hunter Weber both had double digits points as well. They'll continue their season Tuesday against Harding Fine Arts.

Lady Eagles Take Home 6th!

The Lady Eagles went 1-2 in the frontier shootout, with a tough loss to Kellyville, they rebounded with a win over Wesleyan, and that sent them to the 5th place match versus Morrison. The ladies kept it close, leading at the end of the first until Morrison closed the gap and went into halftime with a 10-9 lead. They continued to trade buckets until Morrison went on a run and took a 9 point lead. The Ladies had a good effort at coming back, but Morrison never yielded a window and they fell 31-22.







Christmas-time is here!

Our gift to you this year is our sister-in-law's recipe. Our sister-inlaw, Rashelle (Reilly) Berkenbile has made this cinnamon roll cake for a few years now and it is always a hit. If you love cinnamon rolls but are intimidated by the cinnamon roll making process..try this recipe out! Much like cinnamon rolls, no one really knows if it is a breakfast? A dessert? Who cares! Just eat it whenever you like! Pro Tip: it is a delicious and easy breakfast because you prepare it the night before.

Christmas is truly the most wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the arrival of our Savior. But, the happiness of the holidays can also highlight our hurts. This year brought big changes to our families, and we know that many of you are feeling the same. This Christmas may look differently than we thought it might..but just keep going. Remember why we celebrate Christmas. We thank God for his indescribable gift, Jesus.

Take time to slow down and enjoy the time you have with your family. We hope and pray that your Christmas is a blessing to you. Merry Christmas!

Cinnamon Roll Cake For the cake 3c. Flour 1c. Sugar 4tsp. Baking powder 1/2tsp. Salt 1 1/2 c. Milk 2 lg Eggs 2 tsp. Vanilla 1/2 c. Melted butter For the Swirl 3/4c. Softened butter 1c. Packed brown sugar 2Tbsp. Flour 1Tbsp. Cinnamon For the Glaze 2c. Powder Sugar 5Tbsp. Milk 1tsp. Vanilla



Preheat oven to 350*. Grease a 9x13 baking pan.

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, milk, eggs, and vanilla. Then slowly stir in melted butter. Pour in the pan.

Then in a small bowl, mix softened butter, brown sugar, flour, and cinnamon for the swirl. Drop by spoonfuls onto the batter. Take a knife and swirl it in by going back and forth long ways in the pan. (Alternatively, you can go back and forth short-ways in the pan... see picture). Bake for 28-30 min.

While the cake bakes, mix together ingredients for the glaze. Drizzle the glaze over the cake while it's still a little warm. Then devour!

Arlene Taggart Poteet Obituary

Memorial service for Arlene Taggart Poteet, 98 will be 10:00 AM Friday December 8, 2023 at Union Chapel Church officiated by Ellis Weber and Jimmy Berkenbile. Cremation arrangements are by Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home.

Arlene was born east of Hennessey on October 9, 1925 to Andrew W. and Mattie Vail Snyder Taggart and died Saturday December 2, 2023 at Hennessey Care Center. She graduated from Hennessey High School in 1942 at the age of sixteen. Arlene married Jesse Poteet at Union Chapel Church August 1, 1950. She was secretary for Jesse's plumbing business until he retired.

Arlene was trained as a plane spotter during WWII. She was a lifetime member of Union Chapel Church where she was pianist for eighty-three years. She was a member of the Eastern Star for seventy-five years and served on the Hennessey Library Board for fifty-nine years, and was a current member of the Golden Eagles.

Arlene was very active in church youth camps, and helped with activities at Hennessey Care Center. She was also a member of the Enid Gem and Mineral Society.

She is survived by one son Boyd Poteet of Dover; one daughter Thresa Helm of Hennessey; three grandchildren Nathan Poteet of 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.

Dorothy Crosswhite Obituary

DOVER - Memorial service for Dorothy Crosswhite, 93 will be at 2:00 PM Friday December 8, 2023 at Dover Baptist Church officiated by Jimmy Berkenbile. Family graveside interment will be held at a later time. Cremation arrangements are by Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home, Hennessey.

Dorothy was born in Cushing on September 29, 1930 to Bert and Allie Redwine O'Bryant and died Tuesday December 5, 2023 at her home northeast of Dover.

She married Harold Crosswhite at Kremlin on December 17, 1948. Dorothy is survived by one son Frank Crosswhite and wife Goldie of Dover; two daughters Janie Crosswhite of Dover, Sally Russell and husband Don of Hennessey; ten grandchildren Jeremiah Crosswhite and wife Christin, Johnnie Sue McCully and husband Mark, Desi Pinheiro and husband Wellington, Zac Ridley and wife Rita, Clancey Russell and wife Tonya, Michael Thomas, Shannon Blevins and husband Josh, Jaime Wilson and husband Josh, Arlan Russell and wife Marianne, Jacob Morrow; twenty great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild arriving in March, 2024.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Harold; one son John Crosswhite; two brothers, and one sister.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital with the funeral home serving as custodian of the fund.

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HENNESSEY SCHOOLS FEATURE INTERNS

Tony Roldan is a senior at HHS. He is an intern at R&H Auto and Trucks under Colby Robertson & Landon Harak.

Tony was born in Denver, Colorado. His family moved to Hennessey when he was young and he started kindergarten that same year. He is a saxophone player in the Hennessey "Pride" Band, of which he has been a member for the last four years. He started working at Casa Teja Mexican restaurant last October and is currently still working there. Any free time he has is spent on riding his motorcycle out in the less traveled back roads.

Tony wasn't sure what career path he would take when he started his internship with R&H Auto, but he was interested in exploring the idea of being a mechanic. Working under the careful eye of Colby he has been changing tires, doing oil changes, and according to him, going home covered in oil most days. At some point, Tony realized this career wasn't for him, but he isn't sorry that he chose to intern there because he enjoys it and most of the skills he has learned through the internship are things that he can use in his everyday life. As an internship student, he knows that it is just as important to learn when a career is not a good fit as it is to find the perfect career for him.

Tony has started doing some research of his own and is now considering

something in the business field or perhaps a programming technician. He is already checking out Francis Tuttle Technology Center for information about their programs in these specific areas. His family is considering a move to the Edmond area after Tony graduates and he likes the idea of his family being close by while he furthers his education.

Lynnze Franklin is a senior at HHS. She is an intern in the high school counseling office under Jill Moery. Lynnze was born in Oklahoma City and has attended HPS since she started school as a PreK student. She has been a member of the HHS choir for four years. In tenth grade, she was a member of FCCLA (Family Careers and Community Leaders of America) and served as the group's chaplain. She has a special interest in art and has taken art classes at HHS for four years. The summer after her sophomore year she worked for the school district and the next summer she worked at TJ Maxx in Enid. She is currently working at Pizza Hut here in Hennessey. Her favorite pastime is reading and hanging out with friends.

Lynnze is interested in becoming a psychologist and is interning with HHS counselor, Jill Moery. She has been interested in psychology since she was in junior high. She recalled

watching the TV hit, Criminal Minds, and she began to consider studying psychology. In the beginning, she was more interested in understanding and studying how a criminal mind works. She is now gravitating toward a desire to anyone in the general population who may be suffering due to an emotional or behavioral issue. She is considering school psychology, but won't make a final decision until she begins her college coursework. She is very interested in the use of art and drama therapy as a psychologist. It has been proven to be a useful tool in the field.

Her internship with Mrs. Moery has been eye-opening for her. Now that she has witnessed most of the tasks that come with that position, she has been very surprised at all the different responsibilities that come with the position. It has opened her eyes and she has a greater respect for the position. Lynnze has applied to USAO (University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma) in Chickasha, Oklahoma and OSU in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Both Tony and Lynnze 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Calendar

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**

Friday, December 15 HS Wrestling @ Kingfisher (Day 1/2) 8:30 – 9:30am Elementary 1st semester awards 10am Library opens late (in-house training) 5 – 7pm HS Basketball vs Tulsa Chef (H)

> Saturday, December 16 HS Wrestling @ Kingfisher (Day 2/2) Hennessey Smackdown Wrestling

Christmas Break December 18 - January 2

Tuesday, December 19 Mason Meeting at Coronado Lodge 4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Hennessey Public Library

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

> Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

NO PAPER DECEMBER 27TH



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,



This year's raffle will include: SX3 Cricket Mini Golf Cart with ramps, and hauler included! Additionally, a 5 cubic foot freezer full of meat! Select few silent auction items will also be available. Please join us for a meal and labor auction fundraiser!

FREE LUNCH!

Yes, there is such a thing as a free lunch! Seaboard Foods along with the Oklahoma Pork Council held a block party Monday and served free lunch for anyone who stopped by. They were serving pork



burgers, hotdogs, and sausages with all the fixings and you even win a prize by spinning the wheel. Seaboard staff and the Pork Council were on hand cooking and serving between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm at their office at 121 N Main, Street, Hennessey.

FIRST PLACE IN CHOCTAW IRONMAN

Kason Scruggs took 1st place in the 15u 126 weight division at the Choctaw Ironman Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, December 2nd. Karson also got 4 pins for the shortest combined time and won the title 15u Outstanding Wrestler award. Dalton Scruggs, Karson's brother, is in the novice division and the 61 weight class. Dalton went 2-2 and got 4th place.



HENNESSEY LISTINGS

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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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POLICE REPORT

HIGH SPEED CHASE

According to police reports, on December 9th, a black Dodge Challenger was seen traveling on West Jack Choate towards North Cemetery Road. The vehicle had an expired Oklahoma license plate number, which actually belonged to a gray Ford Mustang. When an officer tried to pull over the Challenger, the driver sped up and began a dangerous chase.

During the pursuit, the driver broke multiple traffic laws, including speeding over 120 mph on North Cemetery Road and running through intersections without stopping or signaling. At one point, the driver made an unsafe right turn onto West Exxon Road, crossing into oncoming traffic.

The pursuit continued on West Exxon Road and then onto North 2830 Road in Kingfisher County. Despite the officer's efforts, the driver managed to escape by possibly turning onto East 660 Road. The pursuit was eventually canceled, and the owner of the vehicle, Cirt Hochstrasser, from Stillwater, OK was charged with multiple municipal charges related to the incident. These charges included failure to pay taxes, lack of insurance, attempting to elude, failure to stop at stop signs, failure to use turn signals, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, failure to keep in the proper lane, affixing an improper license plate, speeding 36 mph and over, reckless driving, and making an unsafe turn at an intersection.

HENNESSEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Two candidates have signed up to run for the upcoming Board of Education election. Amy Charmasson (incumbent) filled the vacated space of Cristopher Choate last year. Doyle Miller will be also running for the open position. The election will be held at the General Election on April 2, 2024.



CHRISTMAS PARADE AND MISTLETOE MAGIC 2023

Despite the chilly weather, everyone braved the cold to witness the Really Bright Christmas Parade and take part in the Lions Club's much-anticipated annual Mistletoe Magic giveaway. The Lions Club generously distributed \$5000 worth of Mistletoe Magic gift certificates, bringing joy to lucky recipients. A visit to see Santa was a must for hundreds of people. Appreciation goes out to all the donors who made this event possible. photos by Libby Seiger and Jack Quirk.



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