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TROY WATKINS RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS

On Thursday, January 25th, Troy Watkins celebrated his retirement. Coincidentally, it was also his birthday. Troy dedicated over 30 years of his life in service to the town. His family, friends, and co-workers were there to share the occasion and express their gratitude for his lengthy service. The town organized a retirement party with cake and refreshments to honor Troy's contributions.



EMERGENCY WATER REPAIRS



The Hennessey water department was out in full force, working in a muddy mess to make emergency repairs to a 6 inch water main. A tee had broken in the line, causing a large volume of water to run freely.

Town Administrator Tiffany Tillman said they were unable to maintain a level in the water tower, no matter how much they pumped, so the repairs had to be made immediately.

The leak was located at the intersection of Cemetery and 4th street on the west side of town. They worked as fast as they could to restore water as soon as possible. Water was turned back on shortly after 9:00pm.

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FIGHTING THE BATTLE WILL NEVER DIM THAT SMILE

LeAnn Wood is currently facing the biggest battle of her life. Ms. Wood, who graduated from Hennessey High School in May 2021, discovered a mass in her chest on July 13th, 2023, just three days before her birthday. Following four biopsies, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma on August 29th, 2023.

With the love and support of best friends, Jaden Matthews and Emily Evans in a show of solidarity both decided to shave their heads along with LeAnn, her Aunt, Uncle and grandpa last September.

Although LeAnn's battle to fight this disease continues, the good news is that she is currently doing well! The cancer has been responding favorably to treatment, with significant shrinkage observed between PET scans. Her next PET scan is on Thursday, February 1, 2024, it will help determine whether she needs to continue chemotherapy or switch to radiation treatment. Radiation would be the final step in eliminating any remaining cancer cells. LeAnn is taking things one day at a time.

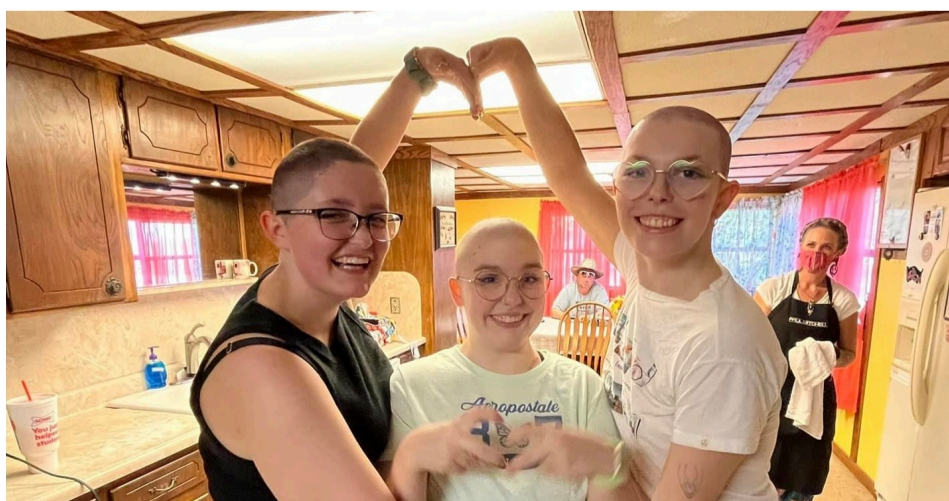


LeAnn Wood



pictured: Best friends, Jaden Matthews, LeAnn Wood, and Emily Evans before shaving their heads.

For those who wish to help, LeAnn has two donation jars, generously made by her boss. One can be found at Sparky's Eatery and the other at Pizza Hut. Since she receives treatment in Oklahoma City, any contribution towards gas money would greatly assist her. Although there isn't a dedicated fund set up, LeAnn does have a CashApp account for those who would like to provide additional support. Her CashApp username is \$LWood716. LeAnn does not like to ask for money and understands that not everyone can contribute financially. Simply sharing her story means the world to her.



Pictured: Best Friends Forever, Jaden Matthews, LeAnn Wood, and Emily Evans

SCARY DINOSAUR TREE-EATING THING!

This giant track hoe clearing trees along the right-a-way was spotted working south of Hennessey on Wednesday, January 24th along the county roads. In the morning fog, it looked like a dinosaur eating the trees. There were mixed reviews about how this was being done. The track hoe was equipped with an attachment that ground off the trees overhanging the county right-away chewing off branches. Several people complained about the mess it made of the trees and the wood chips it left behind. Many were thankful that these areas were now widened and the trees would no longer scratch cars.



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Soup Weather

We are in the middle of soup weather. Or Crockpot weather. Or both?! Well, the base of many soups is broth. And the best broth is home-made..of course! Good thing it is so easy to do! If you have an instant pot, then it is even easier. Instant pots are not required though, you can make broth the good old fashioned way on the stove top.. just make sure that you keep the water level above the bones in the pot.

The beginning of a good broth is bones. After you debone that rotisserie chicken from the grocery store..save those bones. Or bring home your bones from when you eat out, it's okay to be weird! Your soup will thank you when your broth is delicious and nutritious, haha. Or cook your own chicken at home to use the shredded meat in so many recipes, throw those bones back in the instant pot and you are well on your way to home-made bone broth.

Homemade Bone Broth

- reserved bones
- water to cover the bones
- 1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- favorite seasonings (such as Italian seasonings)
- salt (homemade broth is way less salty than store bought)
- veggies, as desired (this is where you can throw in the peelings from carrots, tops of celery, etc)



Cook this broth on high pressure soup function for 3-4 hours, allow to slow release.

Strain the broth out and store in clean glass jars. You may pressure seal these jars if you so desire, but I have found that they will last for a month in the refrigerator, even without officially "canning" them.

Use your homemade broth in all your favorite recipes for a more flavorful and way more nutrient dense base. Just remember that you will need to add salt to your recipes to account for the fact that the homemade broth is not nearly as salty as store bought and most recipes are based on the assumption that you are using the store bought variety.

The apple cider vinegar that you are adding helps to draw out the collagen from inside the bones. It is so good for you! Play around with this base recipe and see what you like. Broth has long since been hailed as a healing food and is often reached for when people are sick. Take that to the next level and give your family the very best with this nutrient rich, delicious homemade broth.

We do have videos on Facebook and TikTok showing how Summer cooks her chicken and the broth in the instant pot. Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Tiktok @okseasonedsisters

You can also find our blog at www.okseasonedsisters.com.

FULL HOUSE AT THE ANNUAL FFA CALF FRY

The Hennessey FFA chapter and the Ag Booster Club held their Annual Calf Fry and Labor Auction on Friday, January 26th at the New Concept Event Center. Funds raised benefit student activities, travel, projects, and scholarships for graduating seniors continuing their education. Hennessey FFA and the Ag Booster Club sincerely thank EVERYONE who attended, donated, sold, and/or bought raffle tickets, and silent auction items. This is our biggest fundraiser of the school year, and attendance was undoubtedly an all-time high. Mr. Huizar stated, "I never thought it would ever be this big when we first started this calf fry."

Huizar said, "We are truly humbled, and appreciative of the community, and their support for our FFA members." "Each year, this event continues to grow from a student participation and attendance standpoint." This year, student participation doubled, and 44 students were auctioned off.

The winner of the freezer full of meat was Cindy Pribil, and the winner of the Cricket Golf Cart was Mike Grace. Special thank you to Brandon Valles, and Justin Choate for auctioneering! We greatly appreciate your support!

Sponsors included: Golden Chick of Hennessey, Seaboard Farms, CHS, Sharon Martin, Swart Farms, Eagle Propane - Jimmy Berkenbile, Cimarron Electric, Wheatland Vet - James Matousek, Mike Harris, Luke Lough, Charlie Pickle, Lisa Hladik, TNT Seed, Lightle Sand & Construction, Sally Witzke, Perry Cline, Cris Pribyl, 7B Construction - Jeremy Beamen, Dollar Trucking, Perk's Welding, Doyle Jones, Austin Whittenburg, Sandy Ferrell, Helen Fuksa, Karl Vadder, Pioneer Telephone, Brant Means, Dale Howe, Gary Beamen, Amey Huntsburger, Hennessey Farm Bureau, Charmasson Club Lambs, Lahonda Mewherter, Peach Farms, and Darin Miller. Photos by Jack Quirk AAH



HENNESSEY SCHOOLS FEATURE INTERNS

The All About Hennessey POST Features 2 students from the Hennessey High School intern program each week. This week's students are Lesly Perez and Blaney Sturgill.

Lesly Perez is a senior at HHS interning at Family Dental in Enid. Lesly was born in Amarillo, Texas when she was three years old and began PreK in Hennessey.



She played volleyball during her freshman and is a member of YAHL (Youth Action for Health Leadership). During the past few years, she worked at Casa Teja, and then Golden Chick. This fall Lesly signed up for the National Guard and will begin boot camp in August of 2025 delaying college plans for one year.

Lesly originally considered becoming a dental assistant but when she attended a conference she stumbled onto an informational booth about becoming a dental hygienist. Since that day she hasn't wavered about her career path, and being an intern at Family Dental has led her to the conclusion she made the right decision to become a dental hygienist.

Lesly works under a hygienist named Amy at Family Dental. She has given Lesly exposure to the day-to-day routine of a dental hygienist and has been able to compare x-rays, and learned about a procedure called dental probing. Lesly has also had hands-on experience in suctioning the mouth of a patient while Amy cleaned the patient's teeth. They have been so supportive there and believe in the internship program offered here at HHS.

After boot camp she will enroll at the University of Oklahoma to begin work on her B.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene.

Blaney Sturgill is an HHS junior and is an intern for Colby Robertson at R&H Auto & Trucks in Hennessey. Blaney was born in Whitesburg, Kentucky, and moved to Hennessey during his elementary school years.



He has been a tuba player for the band since sixth grade and participated in football, track, and student council, and is in his fourth year of FFA and he regularly attends the FBC Youth Group. His favorite pastime is racing outlaw sprint cars spending time racing at the Shawnee Expo Center during the winter and in the summer he can be found in racing in Minco, Oklahoma.

Blaney's dream is to work on a NASCAR pit crew. His dad worked with NASCAR as a tire specialist. Blaney spent time when he was younger hosting races with his dad in Kentucky. Racing is serious for his dad and tells this story. Blaney was about three years old and he was with his father at the races and cut his ear on something. He was rushed to the ER. Blaney said when done they immediately went back to the racetrack.

Blaney hopes to head to North Carolina after graduation and attend a training institute to prepare him as a pit crew member. Word of mouth and being an athlete are important when it comes to earning a spot on the pit crew. Blaney stated that he enjoys his time working under Colby Robertson and shared that he is learning new things.

Both Lesly and Blaney 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.

Hennessey vs Casey Wrestling

On Friday, January 25th, at 6pm, the high school (HS) and junior varsity (JV) wrestling teams went head-to-head against Casey in the HS gym. Both teams emerged victorious, with the JV team winning by a score of 30-6 and the HS team winning 41-30. Next up, the Eagles will be on the road to Newkirk for their next dual on Tuesday, the 30th.



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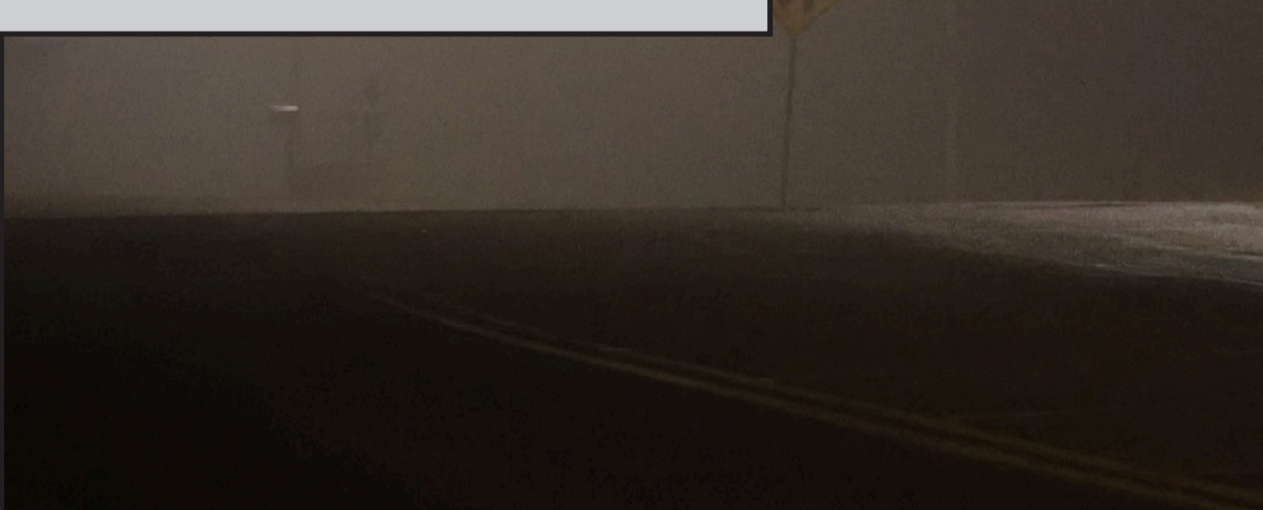
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The recent Chili cook off fundraiser, with a theme of Chili 'Round the World, was a great success. The event was held in the high school cafeteria, and participants competed for various awards such as Best Table Decoration, Cooks Choice, Peoples Choice, and Top Dollar.

This year's winners were as follows:

Best Table Decoration:

- 1st Place - Diamond M Cattle (Sarah Matousek & girls)
- 2nd Place - First United Methodist Church (Sandy Shepherd)
- 3rd Place - 4T's (Tim Taylor)

Chili Cook's Choice:

- 1st Place - Diamond M Cattle (Sarah Matousek & girls)
- 2nd Place - 4T's (Tim Taylor)
- 3rd Place - Reese and Sutton Meek

People's Choice:

- 1st Place - Wheatland Veterinary Hospital
- 2nd Place (Tie) - Diamond M Cattle (Sarah Matousek & girls) and Sirrah Investments
- 3rd Place (Tie) - Griffin Resources and Reese & Sutton Meek

Top Dollar:

- 1st Place - First United Methodist Church
- 2nd Place - Diamond M Cattle
- 3rd Place - 4T's

Overall, the Chili cook off fundraiser raised an impressive amount of \$3,232 for the Friends of the Hennessey Library. These funds will go towards supporting the library through volunteer service and other important projects.



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Wednesday, January 31

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, February 1

JH All-State Wrestling (Day 1/3)

First Day of Black History Month

12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe

4:30 – 6:30pm 5th/6th Basketball vs Tonkawa (H)

6:30 – 8:30pm HS Basketball vs Okarche (H)

6:30 – 7:30pm OK2A Meeting Vernost Wine Co

Friday, February 2

JH All-State Wrestling (Day 2/3)

Speech & Debate - Okeene Tournament (Day 1/2)

10am Library opens late (in-house training)

6:30 – 8:30pm HS Basketball vs Perry (H)

Saturday, February 3

JH All-State Wrestling (Day 3/3)

Speech & Debate - Okeene Tournament (Day 2/2)

Monday, February 5

4 – 5pm JH Girls Basketball vs Waller (A)

Tuesday, February 6

JH/HS Wrestling @ Tonkawa

4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Public Library

6 – 7pm Early Birds Classes (English/Spanish)

6:30 – 8:30pm HS Basketball vs Blackwell (H)

POLICE REPORT January 22 - 29

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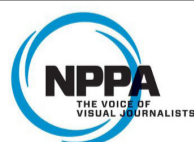
Improper Equipment \$90.00
Lokey, Aaron Scott of Oklahoma City, OK

Speeding 1-10 Over \$185.00
Barnhouse, Laurie of Hennessey, OK

As stated on police report dated 1-22-2024 Officer Matthew Bruner was called to the 200 block of N Cimarron in regards to an individual hitting the side of a garbage truck and screaming at the driver. Officer Bruner spoke with the female resident who seemed to be in distress speaking incoherently. It was determined that for her safety, she be brought to St. Mary's for further care.

As stated on police report dated 1-26-2024, Reserve Officer Tony Hickey was called to the lobby of the police department to meet with Wyatt Brown. Wyatt was at the Boy Scout Park and found a phone. Since the phone was locked, he made a call to 911 to report the lost phone. Kingfisher County Dispatch informed Officer Hickey that the phone did not have service.

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Kindergarten - Camila Carrillo, Maylee Simons, Jaelynn Sontag

1st Grade - Isaac Bergley, Brinley Shaw, Remington Johnson, Logan Brewer

2nd Grade - Hallie Martin, Aiden Annis, Emily Valles

3rd Grade - Diego Carrillo, Zander Lee, Katie Miller

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