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METHODIST CHURCH FIRE SUNDAY BEFORE SERVICE

Just before services started at 10:30 am Sunday morning, February 4th, a smoke smell was detected in the Hennessey First United Methodist Church Family Center. It was initially thought that something was burned at the pancake supper the day before.

Hennessey Firefighters arrived and focused on a kitchen exhaust fan at the rear of the building with smoke coming out of it. After removing the fan cover a large bird's nest was found burning inside the fan enclosure. The fire was contained to the fan housing and there was minor smoke inside the building. The only damage was to the actual fan, and the church said this would be replaced.



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At Long Last: She Gets Deserved Recognition



Pictured: Suzie Byrd with her grandson TC Zaloudek

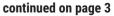
A 1972 Hennessey High School graduate, Suzie Winingham Byrd will finally receive the accolade that she's deserved for nearly 50 years. Due to the actions, forethought, and tenacity of Scott Hajek, Oklahoma State University honored Byrd at the halftime of the OSU women's basketball game against the University of Oklahoma women on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

An athlete all her life, Suzie played standout basketball in Hennessey back when the game was a 6-woman sport played on only half of the court on offense. She posed a threat on offense and defense on

the court and led the team to many victories. In addition to playing basketball, she was a member of the HHS track and field team which took first place in the very first Oklahoma track meet for high school women in 1972. She enrolled at OSU in 1972 and played basketball during her freshman year, but she changed her emphasis the following year when she turned to track and field events like the hurdles and cross-country; she was a member of the OSU Big 8 Championship team.

Fifty years ago, women's sports didn't receive the attention that they deserved. The powers that be wanted women to participate in PE events as intramural matches, not as real athletic events associated with the NCAA. Therefore, this award serves as a public declaration of the athletic prowess that Byrd had as a young woman and a soft apology to all women athletes who competed in the world of men's sports in a different era.

Byrd became Oklahoma's first female All-American in 1975; her event was the 100-meter hurdles. She competed at major men's track and





PRAGUE 5.1 EARTHQUAKE FELT IN HENNESSEY

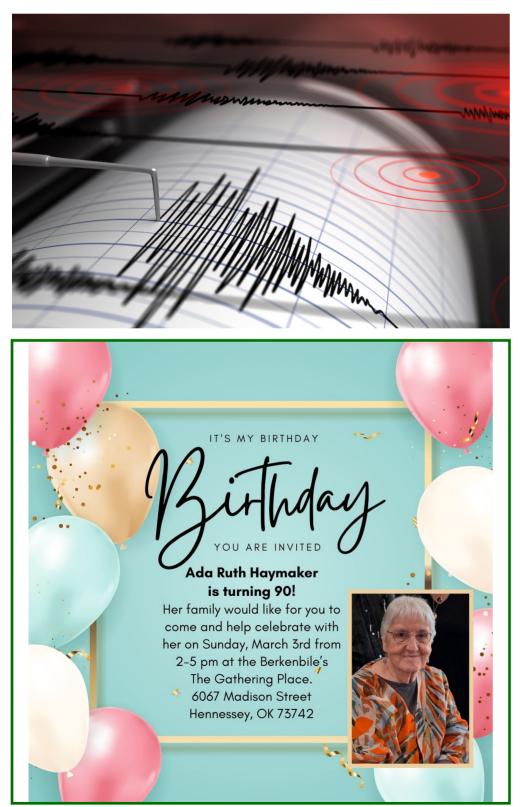
A 5.1 magnitude earthquake hit near Prague, Oklahoma on Friday night, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Thankfully, there were no injuries reported and only minor damage, such as items falling from shelves.

The earthquake occurred at 11:24 p.m. with its epicenter located northwest of Prague, about 57 miles east of Oklahoma City. People from cities across the state, including Lawton, Hennessey, Enid, and Tulsa, felt the tremors.

Several smaller earthquakes followed throughout the night, ranging in strength from 2.5 to 3.4 on the magnitude scale. These aftershocks occurred due to the earthquake's shallow depth of just 2 miles, which can result in more intense shaking.

Oklahoma has experienced strong earthquakes. In January, a suburb of Oklahoma City had six earthquakes, two of which exceeded magnitude 4. And in April, Carney, located northeast of Oklahoma City, was hit by a series of six earthquakes, with one reaching magnitude 4. In 2011, Prague itself was struck by a 5.7 magnitude earthquake,

while Pawnee experienced the state's strongest recorded earthquake in 2016, measuring 5.8.



She Gets Derserved Recognition continued..

field events such as the Kansas Relay and the Texas Relay and hoped to be Olympics-bound. She finished fourth in the nation at the Corvallis Track and Field collegiate event in Oregon in 1975. She hung up her running shoes during her senior year because of a lack of funding.

There were no scholarships for female athletes then. Too, she thought it best to concentrate on her studies and graduation in the spring of 1976. The special distinction that Byrd received last Saturday had been delayed for decades. Once, Byrd asked the Daily Oklahoman sportswriter Jenny Carlson to pursue the missing honor, but no one could quite verify the fact of the All-American title. Again, women's sports weren't handled, reported, lauded, or tracked in the same way that men's sports were handled "back in the day." Byrd wanted her name on that All-American list, and who could blame her? Verification has officially been accomplished, and Byrd couldn't be prouder, and neither could Hennessey about its home-grown athlete.

Byrd secured her place in American sports history at Saturday's game. At long last, Suzie Winingham Byrd got the recognition that she so well deserved. There is after all justice in this world. Story by Sara Richter Photo provided.



FIRE STATION CONCRETE

Contractors spent Thursday afternoon, February 1st, completing the concrete work in front of the fire station addition as well as tying in the library driveway. The next step will be completing the parking area and sidewalk along the northwest side of the building. Be sure to check out the

"We're Going In" behind-the-scenes video for an early tour of the new building. See the video here www.AllAboutHennessey.com Photo by Lisa Quirk.

MRS RILEY FAULKNER ATTENDS THE OKMEA WINTER CONFERENCE

The Winter Conference of the Oklahoma Music Educators Association (OkMEA) took place from January 17-20, 2024. This annual event is attended by Riley Faulkner, the Director of Choral Activities for Hennessey Public Schools. During the conference, she participates in sessions specifically tailored to her content area, where she learns new teaching techniques and strategies for managing her classroom. She also has the opportunity to observe master conductors as they lead rehearsals with the All-State ensembles.



In addition to attending sessions, Mrs. Faulkner explores exhibit

Mrs. Riley Faulkner

booths to gather ideas for future field trips and fundraisers. The conference also provides her with the opportunity to network and forge connections with other music educators in the state. She attends the OkMEA Honor Group concerts, which showcase top-performing groups from across Oklahoma, as well as the OkMEA All-State concerts.

Furthermore, Riley currently holds the role of OkMEA State Chair for Circle the State with Song (CTSWS) and is a member of the Children's All State Committee. In these roles, she is responsible for managing and coordinating all aspects of the Children's All State Choir. CTSWS aims to create a memorable choral experience for outstanding music students, allowing them to collaborate with guest clinicians and perform challenging musical pieces alongside their peers in the region.

Oklahoma is divided into 21 regions, each led by a coordinator who supports and guides choral teachers in their respective areas. As the CTSWS Chair, Riley oversees and supports these 21 region coordinators, ensuring they have the necessary information, instructions, and resources for successful Regional Honor Choir Performances.

Additionally, as the chair, Riley plays a role in selecting repertoire that is diverse and appropriate for each age group. She also writes articles introducing the CTSWS repertoire for publication in the Oklahoma Music Educators magazine. Hennessey is pleased to have Mrs. Riley Faulkner as part of Hennessey Public Schools.

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Last Saturday, February 3rd, the Hennessey Eagles went to Okeene Speech and Debate Tournament. Results are as follows:

Valarie Holguin- 1st place DEX Laura Ullery- 1st place Poetry, 2nd Champs DEX, 2nd Champs HD Marisa Marin-1st place OO, 3rd Champs HI Lynnze Franklin- 3rd place Poetry Jayden Hladik-2nd place DEX Jude Hestand-2nd place Poetry, 2nd Champs FEX, 1st Champs HD Daniela Oropeza-Lepe-1st place SO Naidelyn Herrera-2nd place SO, 3rd place DEX Aidan Hardin-1st place FEX, 2nd Champs HD Taylor Ladwig-1st Champs DEX, 1st Champs OO, 1st Champs HD, 1st overall Individual Events speaker

The team successfully took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in two events. With the teams combined scores, they earned 1st place in Champs Sweepstakes and also took 1st place in Class 3A Sweepstakes!!



Pictured is the Hennessey Speech and Debate team with Coach, Riley Faulkner and the teams extra judge and number one fan, Ish Engle.

TEAM HIGHLIGHT -ABIDING HOME HEALTH

Today our highlight is on Sheila Overstreet, RN. Nursing was always Sheila's dream career and in 2012 she made it happen when she graduated as a Registered Nurse. Before working in home health, she worked for hospice for about a year and a half. Her favorite thing about home health is the opportunity to get to know her patients personally. She enjoys hearing their stories and meeting their families, and she knows that for some of them, she is the only visitor they have all week. She gets to spend extra time with them not only to teach and provide care but also to meet their emotional needs by simply listening and letting them know that she cares. Additionally, it's rewarding to watch patients improve physically and achieve their goals, such as being able to go fishing with their grandkids or drive again. Sheila is grateful for the opportunity to do what she does.





HENNESSEY SCHOOLS FEATURE INTERN

The All About Hennessey POST Features students from the Hennessey High School intern program each week. This week's student is Lilian Rodriguez.

Lilian Rodriguez is a senior at HHS and is interested in becoming a dental assistant. She is currently an intern at Kingfisher Family Dental and Implant Clinic.

Lilian was born in Kingfisher and has lived in the Hennessey area all her life. She has been an HHS cheerleader for the last four years; in her sophomore year, she was a member of the yearbook staff. In her free time, she enjoys experimenting with recent trends in makeup.

Lilian's grandmother was a dentist in Mexico. Her grandmother always told her that teeth are the most important thing a person should take care of. Lilian never forgot that, and through the years she contemplated becoming a dentist. However, in her sophomore year, she decided to become a dental assistant instead.

Lilian has a group of hygienists that are working with her. Cydnie, Morgan, and Gracie take turns sharing their knowledge with Lilian, and the dentist, Kyle Hendrix, also fills in with more detailed information about the job. Lilian is assisting with setting up the instruments for the dentist and the trays for the hygienists. She has become familiar with the process of X-rays, but her favorite thing to observe is a tooth extraction. She is amazed at how the tooth can remain in one piece when it comes out.

The whole team at Kingfisher Dental & Implants feels like a family to her. She shared that they have made her feel comfortable and she is so thankful for the opportunity to learn from them. She also wanted to share that her older sister, Evelyn Robinson, has always been her inspiration. Evelyn was a first-generation college student in the family and she is currently a teacher at HMS as a reading and intervention teacher.

After graduation, Lilian plans to attend Northern Oklahoma College to take some basic classes and then enter the Dental Assisting program offered at Autry Technology in Enid.

Lilian is 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.

REESE MEEK MAKES 2024 CHILDREN'S ALL STATE CHOIR

Reese Meek, a 6th grade choir student, achieved a remarkable feat

by being chosen as a member of the 2024 Children's All State Choir. This prestigious choir consists of students from grades 4th to 8th, and Reese's talent was recognized as she secured one of only 25 spots as a Soprano in the 137-member choir.

To prepare for their performance, the selected students, including Reese, learned five additional songs alongside three songs from Circle the State. They then had the opportunity to rehearse as a group

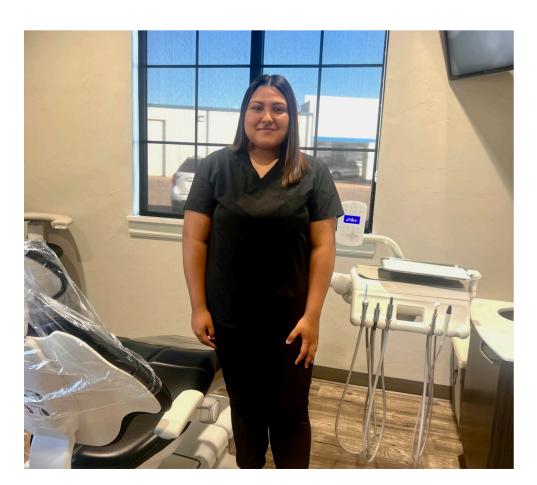


with the choir's clinician at the Doubletree in downtown Tulsa, OK for three days leading up to their highly anticipated concert on Friday.



Fred Meads, director of the Los Angeles Children's Choir, had the honor of leading the choir this year, including Reese. Reese is currently studying under the guidance of Mrs. Faulkner, and her parents, Keith and Christy Meek, couldn't be prouder of her impressive achievements.

Congratulations to Reese and her family for this outstanding accomplishment!



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TOUGH MATCHUP FOR THE EAGLES HENNESSEY JR HIGH GIRLS GO TO STATE.

The Lady Eagles faced the Okarche Lady Warriors last night. The first quarter started off really well for Hennessey, they jumped out to a small lead and the offense was playing well against a good warrior defense. Said defense though, made needed adjustments, and after their Lady Warrior offense pulled ahead they never looked back. The eagles only managed 3 in the 2nd quarter, but the defense held up and they only trailed by 2 scores. They only put up 2 in the 3rd quarter though, and Okarche pulled away. They would lose 47-22, with a game versus Perry tonight, senior night versus Blackwell next Tuesday, and the regular season finale at Fairview next Thursday.



The class 2A #4 ranked Hennessey boys met the class A #4 Ranked Okarche Warriors. The first quarter proved this would be a battle, as both teams played aggressive and got into foul trouble early, with Okarche holding the upper hand. The Eagles started to find a flow though, and fought back into the game at halftime, only trailing by 3, 25-22. The 3rd quarter was an entirely different story, Garret Vinson and Hunter Weber took matters into their own hands, and rattled off 5 minutes of not missing a shot, giving the Eagles a double digit lead. They won the 3rd quarter 28-9 and never looked back. Okarche fought in the 4th, but too little too late. The Eagles came out on top 64-60. Story by Taylor Ladwig, photos by Jude Hestand.



Hennessey had 5 girls attend the Jr High State tournament on February 1st at the Jim Norrick Arena in OKC. Athletes and placement are as follows. Emily Bryson-Champion Chloe Kelly-2nd Andrea Cox-4th Kaisley Tabor-4th Casey Kelly-DNP Great job to our Hennessey Girls division wrestlers on bringing home 3rd place as a team.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Calendar

Thursday, February 8 12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe 6 – 7pm Town Board Meeting 6 – 7pm Early Birds Classes (English/Spanish) 6:30 – 8:30pm HS Basketball vs Fairview (A)

Friday, February 9 Flatlands Marketplace (Day 1/3) Wrestling Dual State @ Enid (Day 1/2)

Saturday, February 10 Flatlands Marketplace (Day 2/3) Wrestling Dual State @ Enid (Day 2/2)

Sunday, February 11 Flatlands Marketplace (Day 3/3)

Monday, February 12 4:30 – 5:30pm Library Board 7 – 8pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 13 Tri-State Pre-District Concert Contest (Day 1/2) HS Wrestling (girls) Regionals 4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Public Library 6 – 7pm Early Birds Classes (English/Spanish)

Wednesday, February 14 Tri-State Pre-District Concert Contest (Day 2/2) ECC/Elementary Valentine Parties Valentine's Day 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime Early Birds Classes (English/Spanish)

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