



# The All About HENNESSEY POST

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-HENNESSEY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER-

## ALL ABOUT NETWORK, EXPANDS WITH NEW HEADQUARTERS AT 300 S. MAIN STREET



All About Hennessey is moving to 300 S. Main St. Jack Quirk, founder and CEO of The All About Network recently purchased the former Honey & Co. property and will be renovating it for its company headquarters. Quirk said, "We purchased the building several weeks ago but wanted to give Sheila Duell, owner of Honey & Co enough time to sell down inventory as she moves to her new location."

Quirk said "We have been looking for a new location for about a year and when we found out about this property it was a perfect fit." Located at the south end of the downtown business district makes us part of Main St where people can stop by and interact.

The building will first undergo a renovation to make it a modern office. It will be painted inside and out along with landscaping and new signage.

What started 6 years ago with a little Facebook page called All About Hennessey has grown to a media company that serves 6 communities in NW Oklahoma. These operate under the All About Network and serve Hennessey, Kingfisher, Stillwater, Okeene, Enid and Edmond. The main Studio with all of the lighting and cameras will remain at the original location for now.

## GREASE FIRE DAMAGES HOME

Hennessey Firefighters responded to a structure fire at 708 S. Main St. at about 6:30 pm last Sunday, March 10th. Upon arrival firefighters found smoke coming from the attic of the home. The homeowners, Logan and Georgia Tillman were outside the residence. According to the HFD report the fire was caused by a grease fire in the kitchen that spread into the attic.

Logan battled the fire with his garden hose keeping it from progressing then had to receive medical treatment for smoke inhalation by Hennessey Fire on scene until Life EMS arrived, but refused transport. The report states that the damage was minimal. HFD cleared smoke from the home and reported the fire under control at about 6:45 pm. Hennessey Police and Kingfisher County Sheriff's Department assisted with traffic control, and LIFE EMS with patient care. Photo by AAH Jack Quirk



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NEW TREES FOR PARK

Members of the Hennessey First United Methodist Church spent Saturday, March 9th planting 6 new trees in the church park located at the corner of E. Second and S. Cherokee Streets. The park has a large elm tree located in the middle of the park but it is slowly dying. The project is themed as "Planting a tree for those who come after me." The new trees planted are Caddo Maples and were donated by a parish member.

According to the OSU Extension office website the Caddo Maple is quite tolerant of high pH soils, extreme heat, and drought conditions commonly found in western Oklahoma. It can reach 30' to 50' tall and is a beautiful medium to large shade tree. Because they were planted on the south side of the park they will provide excellent shade when mature.



pictured: Alyssa Kubat, Laken Hobbs, Clif Vogt, Paul Hobbs, Cass Hobbs, DeDee Krueger planting trees

Hennessey High School Choir Earns Superior Rating!



Thursday, February 22nd, the Hennessey High School Choir directed by Riley Faulkner traveled to Tonkawa, OK for the Large Group Solo and Ensemble Contest. The choir earned unanimous Superior ratings from the three judges, officially punching their ticket to State at the end of March. The group also earned an Excellent rating in Sight Reading.

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THE EAGLES SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE.

The 4th ranked Hennessey Eagles coming off of a stressful win vs the Merritt Oilers, where they trailed in the 3rd quarter before they finally got it going, faced off against the number 1, back-to-back state champion, Dale Pirates. The Eagles were going to have to play A+ basketball to advance to the state championship. They got off to the exact start they needed, holding a 2-score lead for almost the entire 1st quarter and heading into the 2nd with a 5-point cushion. In the 2nd quarter the Pirates came out with much-needed adjustments made, and backed by perfect free throw shooting took a lead against the birds. The offense for the black and blue could not get into a groove, and Dale went on a 15-2 run in the 2nd quarter to take a big-time lead. The Eagles would keep it close though, with Hunter Weber and Jael Torres both scoring double digits, but they went into half trailing 36-24, outscored 21-8 in the 2nd. The rest of the game didn't go to plan for the Eagles, rebounding struggles defensively and Dales premier free throw shooting propelled the Pirates ahead by an amount that proved insurmountable. Hunter Weber finished with 19, and Jael Torres finished with 16, but the Eagle's season finished with a state semi-final loss 67-44. Story by AAH Taylor Ladwig, Photos by AAH Jack Quirk





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## HENNESSEY SCHOOLS FEATURE INTERNS

The All About Hennessey POST Features students from the Hennessey High School intern program each week. This week's students are Yoali Castanon & Yahir Alvarez

**Yoali Castanon** is a senior at HHS. She was born in Denver, Colorado, but has lived in the Hennessey area most of her life. While attending HHS she has participated in volleyball and FCCLA.

In her sophomore year, she began to show an interest in becoming a radiologist technician. Her mother had injured her leg and while accompanying her to the imaging clinic, she was fascinated by all the machines. When the technician noticed Yoali was taking an interest, she engaged Yoali in conversation. During that conversation, Yoali learned about the different imaging machines and how they are vital to diagnoses which then leads to a personalized health plan for the patient. Her interest in radiology remained even after her mother recovered from her injury.

Since Yoali was unable to secure an internship in radiology, she went the route that a few other interns have traveled and focused on working on soft skills. These are skills required for all careers. Her particular skill of concentration was communication.

She is working with Hennessey Schools' ELL director, Mrs. Sosa. Mrs. Sosa is based at the elementary school. Yoali is used as a translator if needed, but most of her time is spent working with the students. She has stayed busy assisting with teaching and also was helpful to Mrs. Sosa in preparing for the administration of the yearly testing of ELL students to assess their progress in the English language.

Yoali plans on attending Rose State College to earn her associate's and earn her B.S. degree in Medical Imaging and Radiation Science.



**Yahir Alvarez** is a senior at HHS with a career interest in welding. He is currently interning at Thurmond Gas and his host is Molly Ryel.

Yahir was born in Mexico. He first attended Hennessey Schools as a fourth grader. Yahir has been in the Ag class offered here at HHS for a couple of years. It was in this class that he got his first exposure to welding and developed his interest in the field. He has had several work experiences as a high school student. The summer after his sophomore year he worked for D&K Recycling. After his junior year he worked for a roofing company installing a new roof on a middle school in Oklahoma City. He has also had some experience working on a farm for Bryan Pollard. In his free time, he likes to go to the gym and play video games with his friend, Victor.

Yahir started his internship at the beginning of the second semester, and since he already had some experience in welding going into the internship, he has been getting a lot of hands-on work. He is currently cutting metal and welding on a pipe skid which he enjoys. After graduating from high school, Yahir wants to work with an experienced welder and gain a working knowledge of the occupation to prepare him to take the state exam and become a licensed welder.

Both Yoali & Alvarez 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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## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

What is your stance on this controversial topic? This year, Summer's kids showed a little more interest in why we change our clocks back and forth, noting that it seemed a little ridiculous that the time would suddenly change. When she tried to explain that the time actually stays the same, we just "observe" the time as a different time...the incredulous stares that she received. Well then, this is ridiculous! Haha, maybe she didn't explain it well, but have you ever tried to explain it? It really isn't as easy as "well see now, the time actually stays the same but we change the clocks and say it is different". Lol. Summer decided to look into it a little further.

Daylight Savings time has apparently been observed for 115 years (according to Wikipedia, which we all know is extremely accurate ;)). That puts the starting year around 1909. Benjamin Franklin is said to be credited with first suggesting we use Daylight Savings Time. The thought was to adjust the time to "borrow" an hour of daylight from the morning and "use" it in the evening. This was during a time when candles were still used to light houses in the evening, and the hopes were to use less candles...as well as not waste time and daylight in the morning when people were still in bed. Nowadays, small businesses are said to prefer keeping Daylight Savings Time practices since it gives people more daylight hours at the end of the day to shop.

Medical professionals argue that messing up the natural sleep cycle isn't good for our bodies. Parents will argue that messing with their children's sleep cycle also isn't good for any of our sanity! As a nurse, Summer can attest to working the "fall back" time change and your 12 hour shift magically becomes 13 hours. You look at the clock to see that it's almost 3 am and BAM...it is 2 am again. Talk about not good for your sanity. She still talks about the "fall back" time change a few years ago that happened to coincide with Halloween AND a full moon. Sheesh! As parents, both Summer and Autumn can attest to the weirdness of time change and babies/children.

Well, there is a bill stuck in Congress right now wanting to do away with changing the time. No more Spring Forward or Fall Back. Who knows if it will ever make it through Congress to be signed into law...but what are your thoughts? Would you like for Daylight Savings Time to be a thing of the past? Or do you like the changing of the clocks? It's something to think about. You can engage with us on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok @OKSeasonedSisters. Or on our website [www.okseasonedsisters.com](http://www.okseasonedsisters.com)

Let us know what your thoughts are! And drink a little extra coffee this week while adjusting to the time change.



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## BAND DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR DANNY POWERS!



Hennessey Band director Danny Powers  
"Band Director of the Year"

Band Director Danny Powers of the Hennessey Pride Band has been recognized as the Band Director of the Year by the Oklahoma Red Carpet Country Band Directors Association. In addition to this prestigious award, Danny was also honored with a plaque for his past service as the Red Carpet President.

Originally from Hinton, Danny pursued his music education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, specializing in the tuba. Following his studies, he began his career as the assistant Band Director at Enid High School and Longfellow School.

The Hennessey Pride band is soaring under his direction. Danny assumed the position of Hennessey Pride Band Director in 2022. Danny's traditional approach to band direction, with a strong emphasis on Brass, Woodwinds, and Percussion, has propelled the Pride of Hennessey Band to great success, earning numerous accolades in the past year.

## Flatlands Market Place: March Edition



Ross Hardin's popular Flatland Market Place concluded another successful event over the weekend, with the organizer thrilled by the increasing number of vendors and buyers each month. The upcoming event on April 12th – 14th will have a Lawn & Garden theme, offering a variety of products for spring outdoor needs. The Market Place will be open from 10 am to 6 pm on Friday and Saturday at 1100 N. Mitchell Rd., Hennessey, OK. For inquiries, contact Ross Hardin at 405-412-0800.







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**CONTROLLED BURN LIGHTS UP THE SKY**

What appeared to be a spectacular fire at sunset Saturday, March 9th was actually a well-controlled burn. Dr. James Matousek needed to burn off a large field so he asked the Hennessey Fire Department to help. The well-contained fire was monitored on all sides and the Firefighters kept up with any areas that did not need to burn. The fire was about 2.5 miles west of town on NW2840 (Conoco Rd) at EW640 Rd.

This time of year it is a common practice to burn off pastures and clean them up to help the spring grass to get going. Fires like this are well planned and must notify the 911 dispatch before beginning. Many times the 911 dispatch will send fire crews out when not needed because a passerby calls in what they think is uncontrolled fire. Photos by AAH Jack Quirk



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## Lovie James Obituary

There will be no services for Lovie E. James, 67. Cremation arrangements are by Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home.

Lovie was born in Enid on June 11, 1956 to Floyd L. Sr., and Ruby Rinehart James and died Tuesday March 5, 2024 at Integris Bass Baptist Medical Center in Enid.

Lovie graduated from Hennessey High School in 1974. She provided home care to many senior adults in the area and was well known for her compassion and kindness.

Lovie is survived by one sister, Betty Brown of Oklahoma City; two nephews Carl Zachary of Wichita, and Lee James and wife Mischelle of Oklahoma City. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother Floyd L. James, Jr.



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## READY FOR THE NEXT EMERGENCY: RYAN DEATHERAGE

Ryan Deatherage and I go way back: he was an English student of mine at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell in the early 1990's. He was a good "kid": a good worker, a good student (except in art appreciation), and a good young man. He's only improved with age. The Bethel Acres, Oklahoma native came to Kingfisher in 2004 and took his current position in 2023. He and his wife Jill met while in college and have three children: Aubrey, Amy, and Andrew.

He now serves as Kingfisher County's 911 Director and Assistant to Deputy Emergency Manager, but by the end of March 2024, he'll serve as the county's Director of 911 and Emergency Management. He does not come to this position without the proper training, skill set, and attitude.

He will helm a staff of six full-time dispatchers and one part-time dispatcher; his assistant will be Libby Sieger. Deatherage considers the youth of these eight people advantageous as they are willing to adapt to new training and equipment. The office will embrace new 911 equipment and technology soon, ensuring that Kingfisher County prepares for the future.

One of the elements of implementing this new mapping system equipment is standardizing 911 addresses—the most vital component of the 911 world. EMT responders must know the exact location of a call's origin to ensure proper timing and support to citizens and their property. Such updates have not occurred since 2016. Knowledge is key in the world of emergency management.

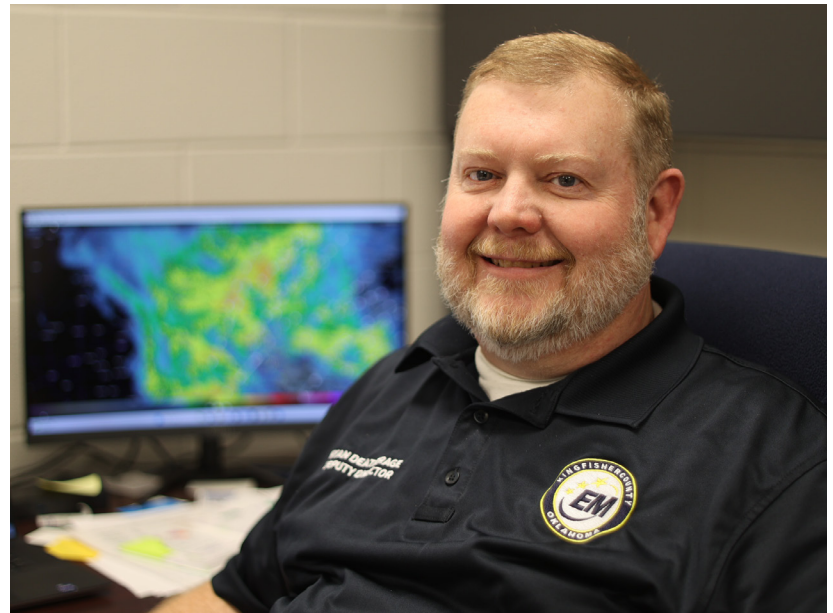
Deatherage wishes to maintain the department's efficiency and success based on the 24-year tenure of current Emergency Manager Steve Loftis, with whom Deatherage has worked since coming to Kingfisher. He's learned from the best with Loftis, so Deatherage knows what the department needs and how to handle a budget and adopt and adapt new technology. He seeks to continue fostering public support for the department and to search for grants to supplement the budget, training, and equipment.

He knows that an EM position relies on good communication—within the department, community, and state; thus, he is willing to learn tips and techniques from other state emergency managers. He is used to learning from the best, too, for while in the Panhandle, Deatherage worked with two strong influences in the field: Justin Carnegie of Goodwell and Arnold Peoples of Texas County.

An emergency manager's job is not simple or easy. He must continue taking classes and attending seminars to improve his skills and stay current in the rapidly changing world. The position requires that the manager collect information regarding emergencies and disasters, respond to such emergencies, manage state resources, and work with others who need assistance within the state system.

Emergencies involve fires, floods, explosions, threats of violence and terrorism, earthquakes, hazardous materials, accidents on land and water and in the skies, search and rescue, utility service disruptions, building collapses, biological or ecological calamities, and Mother Nature's extremes. Emergency directors must quickly learn of disasters or threats, coordinate responses to such, and implement rescues and recoveries of people, resources, and property. This position is not for the faint of heart.

You can trust Ryan to do a fine job and continue to enhance and secure available equipment and needs for all the residents of the county. He is persistent and determined, which makes it fortunate that he doesn't give up easily. He is dependable and creative, which makes him a good choice for this position. Deatherage may have an easy-going personality and a ready smile, but he's all business and will continue to serve Kingfisher County in a most professional and competent fashion. However, just to be on the safe side, don't bring up Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Picasso, O'Keefe, or Chihuly in conversation. Story by AAH, Sara Jane Richter, Photo by Libby Seiger



Ryan Deatherage Kingfisher County's 911 Director and Assistant to Deputy Emergency Manager





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- Wednesday, March 13**  
10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime (ages 5 – 6pm Incoming Freshman Parent Mtg

**Thursday, March 14**  
Blood Drive First Christian Church Fellowship Hall 2-6  
HS Baseball Pioneer Festival (Day 1/3)  
5th-8th grade Track @ Fairview  
12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe  
4:30 – 6:30pm JH Baseball vs Pond Creek (H)  
6 – 7pm Town Board Meeting

**Friday, March 15**  
HS Baseball Pioneer Festival (Day 2/3)  
No School  
10am – 5pm HS Track @ Hennessey  
10am Library opens late (in-house training)

**Saturday, March 16**  
HS Baseball Pioneer Festival (Day 3/3)

**Sunday, March 17**  
**St. Patrick's Day**

**Monday, March 18**  
Spring Break (Day 1/5)

**Tuesday, March 19**  
Spring Break (Day 2/5)  
Mason Meeting at Coronado Lodge  
4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Library  
4:30 – 6:30pm HS Baseball vs OBA (A)

**Wednesday, March 20**  
Spring Break (Day 3/5)  
10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime library  
4:30 – 5pm Easter Egg Stuffing for community hunt Town Hall  
Speech & Debate Regionals (Day 2/2)  
3 – 4pm HS Baseball vs PC North @ Deer Creek HS

**Thursday, March 21**  
Spring Break (Day 4/5)  
10 – 11am HS Baseball vs Kingfisher @ Mustang HS  
12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe
- Friday, March 22**  
Spring Break (Day 5/5)  
Speech & Debate Regionals (Day 1/2)  
HS Baseball vs Okarche (OKC)

**Saturday, March 23**  
Speech & Debate Regionals (Day 2/2)  
3 – 4pm HS Baseball vs PC North @ Deer Creek HS

**Monday March 25**  
Chorus Pre-State Clinic  
Classen SAS Golf Tournament (Girls)  
9:30am – 5pm HS Track @ Covington (10th-12th grades)  
4:30 – 6:30pm JH Softball vs Enid (A)  
5 – 7pm HS Baseball vs Cashion (H)  
5 – 7pm JH Baseball vs Blackwell (A)

**Tuesday, March 26**  
OSSAA Class 3A State Band Contest (Day 1/2)  
4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Library  
4:30 – 5:30pm JH Softball vs Drummond (H)

**Wednesday, March 27**  
OSSAA Class 3A State Band Contest (Day 2/2)  
5th/6th Track @ Covington  
Cashion Golf Tournament (Girls)  
10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

**Thursday, March 28**  
HS Baseball Hennessey Tournament (Day 1/3)  
JH Baseball Kingfisher Tournament (Day 1/3)  
HS Softball Hennessey Tournament (Day 1/2)  
7th-9th grade Track @ Chisholm  
ACT Workshop NOC (Juniors)  
Chorus Large Group State Contest  
Mooreland Golf Tournament (Boys)  
9am – 2pm Pre-K Enrollment  
12 – 1pm Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe

**MARCH 30th**  
**ALL EASTER EVENTS @ noon**

**MARCH 31st**  
**SUNRISE SERVICE AT First Christian Church 7am**

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Kindergarten: Zabdi Granillo, Lorenzo Meza, Rodrigo Villareal

1st Grade: Knox Gritz, Jimena Roman, Aleissa Cabral, Olivia Olmos

2nd Grade: Melanie Calderon, Rhet Cooper, Kevin Rea

3rd Grade: Jaxson Benedict, Antonio Santana, Dakota Hochstrasser, Manuel Zuniga

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## LET THERE BE LIGHT, AGAIN

The Hennessey Schools Auditorium is undergoing a much-needed lighting renovation upgrade. Several months ago the Hennessey Board of Education approved a bid from Hennessey's Farmers Electric to replace the entire auditorium lighting system with new LED lights and controls. This includes replacing all of the house lighting fixtures in the seating area, all of the overhead theatrical fixtures on the stage, spotlights in the overhead cat-walk area, low-angle spotlights on the sides, and 2 robotic remote-controlled spotlights on the ceiling.

Jack Quirk acting as an unpaid audiovisual consultant worked with the school to help engineer the new LED lighting system. This upgrade not only makes the entire lighting system low-wattage LED but it is completely RGB capable. This means every fixture can generate hundreds of different colors remotely. In the past, each light would consume up to 1000 watts of electricity and create a great deal of heat. In addition, each bulb costs about \$40 and would only last a short time. The new lights have a life expectancy of up to 100,000 hours and don't produce much heat at all.

The entire system can be controlled in several different ways, with the main console in the AV booth at the back of the auditorium, a touch screen backstage, or with an iPad.

Hurry up!

The crew at Farmers Electric is under the gun to complete the new system in time for the upcoming musical produced by the vocal music department and directed by Riley Faulkner. The first performance under the new lights will be The Adams Family and will be held April 28th-30th.



Cristian Rodriguez demonstrates one of the new on stage LED lights

## THANK YOU FROM THE JARRETT SMITH FAMILY

We wanted to say Thank You to ALL of those involved in the Memorial Service for Jarrett on Monday March 4th. To the boys and parents who put on the whiffle ball tournament and to the ones who participated to raise the money for his memorial bench, Thank You! To the Hennessey Public Schools, The coaching staff and the players, for the dedication, Thank You! To the Pioneer Mustangs, who were quiet and respectful during the ceremony, Thank you. We also noticed the Mustangs had the Hennessey "H" and the number "4" on the back of their helmets; We would like to extend our gratitude. It was a sign of respect, honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Thank You Gentleman.

Sincerely,  
Jarrett Smith Family

## Y AHL VISITS THE STATE CAPITAL



Y AHL youth members at the State Capitol

On Tuesday, February 20th, a group of members from the Youth Advocates for Health and Liberty (Y AHL) took a significant step towards promoting the CounterAct Tobacco campaign by visiting the Oklahoma State Capitol. Eighteen dedicated young individuals seized the opportunity to advocate for comprehensive tobacco retail licensing in their communities, aiming to combat the growing concerns around vaping and tobacco use among Oklahoma's youth.

During their visit, these inspiring youth met with 33 legislators to discuss the importance of implementing retail licensure for e-cigarettes and other tobacco products in the state. With rates of vaping on the rise and more than one out of five Oklahoma youth reporting tobacco product use, the need for effective regulations and policies to protect the health of young individuals has never been more critical.

Oklahoma currently stands as one of only 17 states without retail licensure for e-cigarettes, and restrictive state laws prevent cities and towns from regulating tobacco and vape licensure, advertising, and indoor air quality. Despite these challenges, the determined youth of Y AHL engaged in meaningful conversations with legislators, presenting facts and sharing their personal insights on vaping and school wellness policies.

Addison Null, a Junior from Hennessey High School, expressed her enthusiasm and appreciation for the opportunity to engage with members of the state government. She found the experience both interesting and educational, highlighting the receptiveness of the Representatives and Senators to listen and support their cause. Addison's positive outlook and eagerness to participate in similar advocacy efforts in the future reflect the dedication and commitment of the Y AHL members towards promoting public health initiatives in their communities.

The impactful advocacy work undertaken by these young individuals serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of youth engagement and advocacy in addressing critical public health issues.