

# The All About HENNESSEY POST

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### Wayne Cooper: Receives Honorary Doctorate

Wayne Cooper, a distinguished businessman with over four decades of experience in international trade, has been announced as one of the recipients of an honorary doctorate from Wingate University in 2023. A native of Oklahoma, Wayne graduated from Hennessey in 1948 and was

inducted in the HHS Hall of Fame in 2002.

Cooper's journey in the world business of been has nothing short inspiring. of Moving to Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1976 after living in Mexico

for several years, Cooper has made significant contributions to the business world. Alongside fellow trustee Patrick Brown, he founded TelecommUSA, which was later acquired by Euronet Worldwide. The duo continued to grow the company, eventually turning it into one of the largest remittance companies globally.

Cooper's ventures did not stop there. In 2007, he co-founded Processa International, a successful bill-payment company, which was later sold to NetSpend in Austin, Texas.

His expertise and accomplishments in the field of international trade have earned him prestigious accolades, such as the Order of the Aztec Eagle in Mexico and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in North Carolina.

Throughout his career, Cooper has embraced and navigated the evolving landscape of international business, adapting to new technologies and trends. Hehas been amentor to emerging

> b u s i n e s s e s venturing into the global market, e m p h a s i z i n g the importance of adapting to changing business environments.

Cooper's influence extends beyond his business ventures. He has served as the Honorary Consul of Mexico since

1981, showcasing his dedication to fostering international relations. His involvement in various organizations, such as the North Carolina District Export Council and the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, highlights his commitment to promoting global understanding and cooperation.

As he prepares to retire and spend more time with his wife Judy and their three children in Charlotte, Cooper leaves behind a legacy of excellence and dedication in the field of international business. His contributions and leadership have inspired countless entrepreneurs and businessmen worldwide, making him a worthy recipient of an honorary doctorate in 2023.

## **Congratulations Barry!**

Friends, Family, and coworkers gathered Monday, March 18th in the lobby of the Kingfisher County Justice Center (Friday, March 22nd) to wish Undersheriff Barry Reilly a happy retirement.

Starting as a part-time dispatcher/jailer in 1984, Reilly worked his way through the ranks to serve as Kingfisher County Undersheriff. As he leaves his office at the end of this month, he'd like to be remembered as someone who cared deeply for the residents of Kingfisher County, who did the right thing, and who worked for the good of the county. Barry's lifestyle will radically change and calm down once he retires. He plans to do things that he wants to do on his own time. He intends to tackle a few home improvements and clean his shop to turn it into a man cave featuring carpentry tools. Of course, his seven grandchildren will play an even more important role in his life. Barry and his wife Kathi will enjoy each other's company and travel to US locations they've never experienced and learn some history along the way; both are history buffs. Photos by AAH Jack Quirk



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#### **Hennessey Eagles vs. Putnam City North Panthers**

Hennessey had their highestscoring game of the season on Saturday, March 23, pulling off a thrilling 16-15 victory against the Putnam City North Panthers. This win was a much-needed relief for Hennessey, ending their fourgame losing streak.

Westyn Hopkins was a standout player, excelling both on the mound and at the plate. He pitched two innings, allowing no earned runs off just one hit and one walk. Hopkins has been consistently effective in his recent pitching performances. In addition, he contributed offensively by scoring a run, stealing a base, and going 2-for-5 at bat.



Hennessey Eagle Bradley Gallia wears many hats.

Hunter Weber had an impressive game, going 3-for-5 with five RBIs, two doubles, and a run. Weston Smith also played a vital role, scoring three runs, stealing a base, and reaching base in four out of five plate appearances.

With this victory, Hennessey improved their record to 3-9 while Putnam City North struggled with losses in five of their last six games, affecting their season record of 2-8.

Looking ahead, Hennessey will have a home game against Cashion on Monday at 5:00 p.m. Cashion's strong pitching staff, which has allowed only 1.6 runs per game this season, will pose a challenge for Hennessey's hitters. Putnam City North will play away against Edmond Memorial on Monday at 5:00 p.m., aiming to build on their recent trend of increasing run production in each game.





Steve Loftis receives a shadow box from Keith Shadden, Beaver County Emergency Manager, for his dedication and service

### **Grand Sendoff**

The Kingfisher County Courthouse was full of emergency managers from all across the state on Monday, March 25th to celebrate Kingfisher County's long-time Emergency Manager Steve Lofits' retirement. Steve was presented with a Citation of Congratulations from Senator Darcy Jech and Representative Mike Dobrinski along with a shadow box containing a letter from Governor Kevin Stitt thanking him for his dedication and service. Photos by AAK Jack Quirk



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### Happy Spring! Happy Easter!

No matter your preference from our last article (Daylight Savings Time) the days are getting longer and soon the days will be warmer too. In the not too far off future, we'll be complaining of the Oklahoma heat. lol But for now, hopefully, you have warm weather and loved ones to celebrate with during this season. Spring. Easter. Baby showers. Graduations. Mother's Day (seriously, y'all, don't forget Mother's Day!). Cookouts. Severe Weather watch parties- Okies know what we mean. Haha! Whatever you have to celebrate; we have an easy, healthy-ish yet oh so yummy fruit dip recipe for you.

Fruit Dip

1- 32oz tub of Oikos Triple Zero Vanilla Greek Yogurt

1-8oz cool whip

•Stir/whip together then serve as a dip with your favorite fruit.

We have deliciously used this fruit dip with apple slices, grapes, bananas, blueberries, & strawberries. But if you have another fruit that is your favorite, then give it a try! We use vanilla flavored greek yogurt but there are other flavors of this yogurt and you may just discover something amazing.



\*You can also stir the fruit in then top with a little brown sugar and pecans to make it more of a fruit salad. This would be a great idea for your next church pot luck. So very Spring-y of you!

Enjoy the Spring you guys. Because in Oklahoma it only lasts about 3 weeks. Approximately one week longer than our Fall season;) Blessings!

Autumn & Summer

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## **POLICE REPORT**

## **MARCH 11 - 18**

Possession of Marijuana	\$790.00
Riffel, William Jackson of Irving, TX	
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	\$535.00
Riffel, William Jackson of Irving, TX	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Toj Guardado, Christian Jair of Hobbs, NM	
Disorderly Conduct	\$235.00
Kopriva, Abigail May of Waynoka, OK	
Improper Equipment	\$90.00
Gutierrez Olvedo, Alvaro of Hennessey, OK	
Disturbing the Peace	\$335.00
Kopriva, Nolan of Waynoka, OK	
Failure to Stop at Stop Sign	\$197.00
Olivas, Laura of Hennessey, OK	
Speeding 21-25 Over	\$267.00
Conyers, Erin Ivonne of Yukon, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Stout, Colby Paige of El Reno, OK	
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Combest, William Andrew of Enid, OK	4
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Milenski, Cole William of Piedmont, OK	400= 00
Speeding 16-20 Over	\$227.00
Knight, Christopher Alan of Oklahoma City, OK	4005.00
Failure to Devote Full Time Attention	\$265.00
Knight, Christopher Alan of Oklahoma City, OK	<b>4105.00</b>
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Yost, Dyshia Rosalie of Kingfisher, OK	<b>4105.00</b>
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Brown, Kamie Renee of Yukon, OK	Å=0.00
Illegal Parking	\$50.00
Hooten Jr., Cody Kent of Canton, OK	<b>6105.00</b>
Speeding 1-10 Over	\$185.00
Wright, Leeann Carol of Chelsea, OK	<b>6505.00</b>
Disobeying Lawful Order from Police	\$535.00
Fernandez Vargas, Hector Orlando of Hennessey, OK	<b>0005.00</b>
Obstructing an Officer/Providing False Information	\$335.00
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03/18/24 - According to reports on March 18, 2024, Sergeant Christian Solis of The Hennessey Police Department spotted a Kia Soul speeding in a 35-mile-per-hour zone. The driver, identified as William Jackson Riffel, appeared nervous and gave inconsistent answers about his travel plans to Tulsa. Sargeant Solis became suspicious and asked for a consent search of the vehicle. Riffel admitted to having a small amount of marijuana in the trunk, which was found along with rolling paper and a rolling device. Riffel was issued citations for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and then released from the scene.

03/19/24 - False alarm at Casey's

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## RedLeve Dance Studio Shines at Act 1 Talent Dance Competition

On Saturday, March 23rd, Hennessey's Dance Studio, RedLeve Dance, participated in Act 1 Talent Dance Competition at the Hudiburg Chevrolet Performance Center in Midwest City.

This was RedLeve's fifth competition of the year, and they will be attending two more before their national trip to Las Vegas. At Act 1 Talent, both of RedLeve's competitive teams performed with a total of four performances. They also had two solo performances and one duo. In the small group junior level, they placed in the top 10 overall with three of their performances.

The Competitive B group placed 9th with their hip hop performance, Competitive A placed 6th with their contemporary performance, and 3rd place with their Hip Hop Performance.

RedLeve received additional judges awards for "Squad Goals" and Hip Hop Category Excellence. All of their performances received Platinum to Star Platinum ratings.

Dance competitions rate performances in different forms from Star Silver being the lowest, to Gold, Star Gold, Platinum, and Star Platinum being the highest at Act 1 Talent. RedLeve will have competitive tryouts in May for new competitive dancers.



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Katie Grellner's story is not just inspiring, it's fascinating! Imagine this: A small-town girl from Okarche, Oklahoma, with a big, loving family who took a leap of faith and entered the world of real estate.

It's a story that could have gone either way, but Katie had something special: the trust in her dad's advice and the determination to succeed. In 2011, she began her journey working alongside her Aunt Bobbi at The Dillard Group.



From day one, she knew that this was the path she was meant to take. She threw herself into the work, learning everything she could about the industry and building relationships with clients that would last a lifetime. But don't let her professional demeanor fool you -

Katie is also a woman of many passions. When she's not showing real estate, you might find her loving on her nieces and nephews, wrangling her highlanders cattle, or teeing off with friends on the golf course. Her positive outlook is contagious, and it's clear that she brings that same energy to everything she does. And that's what makes Katie such a fantastic realtor. She's not just an expert in the field - she's a person who genuinely cares about her clients' needs and goals. She understands that buying or selling a home can be one of the most stressful experiences in life, and she's there to guide you every step of the way.

Moreover, Katie is willing to travel up to 100 miles to help her clients achieve their goals. So, if you're looking for someone who will go above and beyond to make your real estate dreams a reality, look no further than Katie Grellner at Chalk Realty. You can contact her at 405-593-0661.



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#### Marilyn Walker Obituary



Marilyn Diane Walker was born on October 3, 1947, in Norton, Kansas, and passed away on March 17, 2024, at Integris Hospital, Enid, Oklahoma. She passed peacefully, surrounded by her family.

Marilyn was raised in Northwest Kansas. When she was young, she spent summers with her grandparents in Edmond, Kansas. She married Pete Graham in August 1963. They had three children sons Ray and Korbi Graham and daughter Rochelle O'Neal. Pete worked for the Pepsi Cola Company and she earned her LPN degree at Colby Community College in Colby, Kansas, where they resided.

Marilyn married Elwood Walker on April 21, 1983. He had two sons, Rodney and Shawn. The family raised horses and bottle calves and participated in Playdays. She worked full-time and had a busy household full of teenagers. Marilyn had to make plenty of homemade noodles to feed this crew. She worked at Okarche Hospital until it closed, then went on to work in Home Health, and finally worked at Kingfisher Regional Hospital until her retirement. She loved her patients and formed lasting friendships with some of her coworkers.

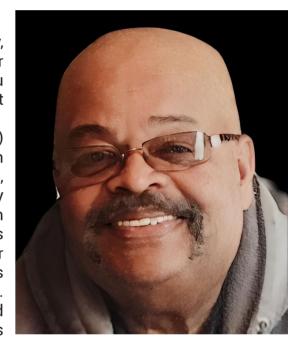
When she wasn't working, she loved to grow flowers, tend to her goldfish pond, and feed the wild birds. She also loved to collect things and shop with her daughter and daughter-in-laws. Her sons were always there to take care of her and her place.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elwood, her parents, Joe and June Slipke, and her grandson, Logan. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, her brother, Steve Slipke, and sister, Debra Vanatta. A memorial service will be held service date and time will be announced later.

#### Monte C. Breckenridge Obituary

A celebration of life service for Monte C. Breckenridge, age 69, of Hennessey, was 11:00 am, Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Ladusau Evans Funeral Home Chapel, 2800 N. Van Buren, Enid, Oklahoma. Pastor Dexter Johnson, Sr., officiating. Burial will follow in Kingfisher Cemetery under the direction of Ladusau Evans Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 22, 2024 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the funeral home.

Monte was born September 25, 1954, in Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Vernon Sr. and Ruth (Garrison) Breckenridge, and went to be with the Lord on March 12, 2024. Monte graduated from Hennessey High (Class of '72), then attended Oklahoma State University, followed by schooling at Northwestern in Alva, Oklahoma, while also working on the family ranch with his father. After completing two years of study in college, he returned to the Hennessey (Lacey) community to join his father fulltime in the family farm and ranch program. Monte had a special love for horses and cattle. Monte, his wife and daughters sacrificed throughout the years to not only continue his dad's legacy but also to build a legacy for himself. He loved spending any spare time with his family and looked forward to family gatherings often. He also enjoyed hunting and helping provide an opportunity for others to participate in the sport. Monte continued to farm in the Hennessey (Lacey) community until his passing. His daughters and grandchildren plan to continue the Breckenridge farm and ranch legacy as he always dreamed. He was well respected in his community of Hennessey, and the surrounding communities as well.



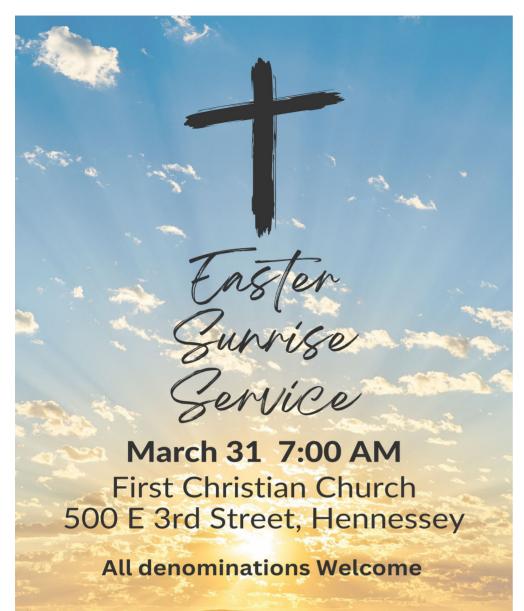
Monte married Lydia Williams of Enid, on May 23, 1980, and together they enjoyed more than 43 years of marriage. To this union, they were blessed with 3 daughters. Monica (Maurice) Jones of Perkins, Oklahoma. (As a bonus, Maurice brought 4 daughters and 8 grandchildren). Melanie McKinnon of Hennessey, Oklahoma with children Imani, Immanuel and Isaiah. Miya (Robert) Puckett of Muskogee, Oklahoma with children Micheal, Ra'Shaun and Monte'.

Monte leaves to cherish his memories and continue his legacy, Lydia of the home, his daughters, Monica, Melanie and Miya; five grandsons, one princess granddaughter; his mother, Ruth; two brothers, Ennis Breckenridge (Jane), and Thomas Breckenridge, one sister Ruchele Morris (David), and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon D. Breckenridge, Sr. and his brother, Vernon D. Breckenridge, Jr.

Memorials may be made in Monte's name with Ladusau Evans Funeral Home as custodians of the funds. Condolences and memories shared can be made and services viewed, online at ladusauevans.com



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## **Calendar**

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

OSSAA Class 3A State Band Contest (Day 3/3)
HS Baseball Hennessey Tournament (Day 1/3)
JH Baseball Kingfisher Tournament (Day 1/3)
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

Friday, March 29

HS Baseball Hennessey Tournament (Day 2/3) JH Baseball Kingfisher Tournament (Day 2/3) HS Track @ Watonga No School

Saturday, March 30

HS Baseball Hennessey Tournament (Day 3/3)
JH Baseball Kingfisher Tournament (Day 3/3)
12 – 4pm Community Service Memorial Park
Memorial Park
12 – 3pm Methodist Church Easter Carnival
12 – 12:30pm Lion's Club Egg Hunt at Bullfoot Park

Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Service 7am First Christian Church Easter Sunday

Monday, April 1

7th/8th Track @ Okeene Dover Golf Tournament (Girls) No School 5 – 7pm HS Baseball vs Watonga (H) 5:30 – 6:30pm JH Baseball vs Okarche (A)

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## Dump is closed this Friday and Saturday for the Easter Holiday

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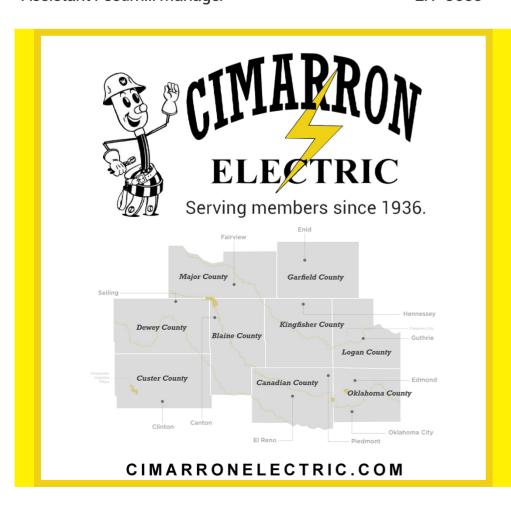
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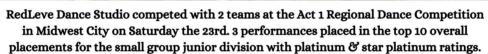






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