### Teacher Kim Gritz Wins STEM Grant! FOOD, FUN, AND FIRE TRUCKS!



Kim Gritz presented with giant STEM award check accompanied by her husband Bert and grandkids Hutton Gritz, Dawson Powell, and Knox Gritz.

Kim Gritz is a dedicated science teacher at Hennessey who is highly committed to her students. She spends most of her time conducting engaging science experiments in her indoor or outdoor classrooms throughout the school year.

So it's no surprise that Kim was selected as one of five Oklahoma educators to receive a \$2,000 STEM grant given her passion for teaching. The award ceremony took place at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark on April 6th, where she was accompanied by her husband Bert and grandkids Hutton Gritz, Dawson Powell, and Knox Gritz.

Mrs. Gritz plans to use the grant money to establish a simulated Forensic Lab to benefit the junior and senior students in the upcoming academic year.



The Hennessey Fire Department hosted its annual open house on Saturday, April 6th but added a few new surprises. The most notable was the completion of the new fire station addition. There was a large turnout for the meal that was prepared by the firefighters with donations from local businesses. Shelly Burch took home the grand prize of the Pit Boss smoker. 2 Yeti ice chests were also given away in the drawings.

A Medi-Flight Medical Helicopter from Stillwater flew in and was on display for visitors to check out and visit with the crew.

Everyone was treated to a grand tour of new addition to the station that featured the large training room and kitchen. Outside on display was a new ladder truck similar to what the department would like to add shortly. One of the main reasons to add to the station was to house a new ladder truck. With Hennessey's growth in recent years, the need for this new truck has become more important and will affect our insurance rates if one is not added at some time. Photos by AAH Jack Quirk





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## **Seasons Change**

Big changes are coming in the near future. Summer's oldest is turning 18 and graduating high school. Autumn is expecting a new baby. Theoretically...Summer is letting her baby go and Autumn is getting a brand new baby. Clare will be more by herself in the coming months and Silas won't be an only child any longer. Big changes for everyone! Ya know, in the wise words of Tracy Lawrence (and probably some other people), "the only thing that remains the same is that everything changes." Change can be so scary, but that doesn't always mean it's bad. We are so proud of Ethan and can't wait to see what the next

phase of his life brings him. We are so excited to welcome baby Lenox into our family. But still, these are big, sometimes scary changes.

We've probably all heard the saying, "the days go slow but the years fly by" but man does it ever slap you in the face when you are watching your baby (who was just literally a baby not that long ago!) prepare to graduate high school and fly out into this big ole scary world.

Every season of our lives brings a whole new and different set of blessings as well as challenges. Possibly



the most difficult part is focusing on the blessings rather than the challenges. It's just so much easier to see the challenges. They can consume you. It's easy to focus on what feels like parenting fails and things that you wish you had done better. Don't do that! Instead, let's focus on all the good that we have seen in our lives. Remember the things that brought the most joy. Hold those in your heart. Because honestly, we are only here for a little while so please don't hold on to the hurt and failures. Let those go. Let's double fist grasp onto all of the joy that we can and choose to see the good. There's still so much good in the world, if only we look for it. Not a single parent is perfect. Not a single child is perfect. So don't get trapped in comparison. Let that crap go, all of it. It goes too fast to hold onto the hurt.

Let's choose to see the good in it all. The changing of the seasons is so beautiful, and this change can be so beautiful too.

Hang in there, parents! We see you. We are with you!

We're all in the trenches together, let's not forget that. Don't compare your tired with someone else's, and let's remember to give grace. We are all fighting a battle that no one else knows anything about.

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#### **SMALL-TOWN GIRL WITH A BIG HEART**

Michelle Bergley, a small-town girl with a big heart, has always wanted to be involved with nutrition and had been actively looking for a new venture for the past year. When she found the opportunity to buy Eagle Nutrition, she knew it was meant to be. Michelle stated that it was the support and encouragement of her family that made her dream a reality.

As Michelle started brainstorming on what she could add to the existing tea shop, she decided to bring some delicious new items to the store. By adding protein balls, cupcakes, premade drinks, and



Michelle Bergley owner of Eagle Nutrition

meal plans, she aimed to make life easier for her busy customers to stay healthy on the go. Eagle Nutrition's teas and shakes are great for overall health. They help boost the immune system, shakes are filled with vitamins and healthy proteins, while the teas give healthy energy compared to other energy drinks that are loaded with ingredients you can't pronounce. They offer many flavors, from sweet to sour, and are open to your suggestions. If you have a favorite recipe you'd like them to make, Michelle is fully stocked and ready to make any drink.

Eagle Nutrition is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 3 pm and Saturday from 7 am to 1 pm. Make sure to take advantage of the punch card program and check-in on social media for a discounted price. Follow their Facebook page for the drink of the day! They are located at 114 S Cherokee St, Hennessey Ok 73742.





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Hennessey Board of Education hired the new Softball Coach during their April 8th regular meeting. Jeneva Nelson was present and visited with the board members after the meeting. According to her resume, Nelson is currently the softball coach at Ponca City and was Named District Coach of the Year for 6A schools 2022, Named Regional Coach of the Year for OCA 2023, and had over 25 post-season awards for players over her two years of coaching at Ponca. Nelson received her associate's degree at NOC and a Bachelor's in General Studies from OSU. Photo by AAH Jack Quirk.



#### DID YOU MANAGE TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE **ECLIPSE DESPITE THE THICK CLOUD COVER?**

The most recent total eclipse occurred on Monday, April 8th, marking the first one in almost a century. Despite the cloudy weather, Hennessey was able to witness a partial eclipse, offering a glimpse of this remarkable phenomenon. For those who missed it, the next partial solar eclipse won't be visible for over twenty years.

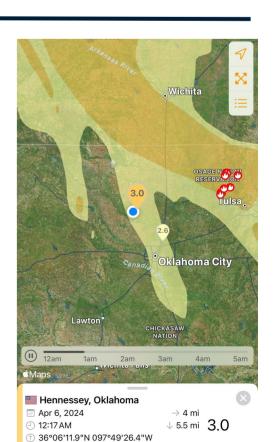




### **DID YOU** FEEL IT?

On Saturday, April 6 a 3.0 magnitude earthquake Hennessey. Located 4 miles east and 5.5 miles deep, several people reported the jolt and crashing sound at around midnight.

If you have damage from the earthquake, please contact The Kingfisher County Emergency Management office at 405-375-2794 and leave a message.



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## **Busy Season for Hennessey FFA: Highlights and Achievements!**

Busy time of the year for Hennessey FFA! Since the annual labor auction at the end of January, activities have not let up for FFA members. The following week Brooklyn Harris, Leah Dickens, Paeton Choate, and Nicholas Moery represented Hennessey FFA at the NOC interscholastic as they competed in the Food Science Career Development Event. Also, there are 11 students who are currently practicing and participating in the Livestock Evaluation CDE. Several FFA applications, and scholarships were due in February. Two students, Amey Haymaker (Swine Production-Entrepreneurship), and Casen Scott (Grain Production-Entrepreneurship) completed and turned in a Proficiency Award Application for a chance to be a state finalist in their respective specialty area. Amey Haymaker is a state proficiency finalist for the 3rd time, and she will be recognized and placed at the State FFA Convention on May 8th. Also applying, and passing the State FFA Degree review were seniors Cale Dickens and Amey Haymaker. They too will be recognized on stage at the State FFA convention.

Shortly after the calf fry, several FFA and 4H members exhibited their livestock projects at the Kingfisher County Livestock Show from February 18-20. The show concluded with the premium sale on the 26th, only to turn around and move into the Northwest District Livestock Show from February 27-March 2nd. Vandin Vadder, Kaden Kennedy, and Kaden Moulton also exhibited their Ag Mechanics projects through the Ag Mechanics show in conjunction with the stock show. Vandin Vadder received Champion honors in the Wood Only Division with his custom made desk, and also received a showmanship award. Kaden Kennedy and Kaden Moulton received Reserve Champion honors in the Livestock Equipment Division with their custom made "Up Down Bars." The show season ended with the Oklahoma Youth Expo in Oklahoma City from March 12-22 (list of achievements below).

In the midst of all of this, seniors Cale Dickens and Amey Haymaker completed coursework, and passed their certification exams in Veterinary Medical Applications, and Principles of Livestock Selection and Evaluation. The coursework required to complete was started at the beginning of the year, and now that they have passed their exam, they will be recognized on stage at the Oklahoma FFA State Convention on May 7th. At the same time, their ag mechanics classmates have been busy with several ag mechanics projects with emphasis in completing a three month long, wrap-around tree bench project with a powder coated finish for the outdoor classroom in the early childhood center. This project was funded by the Hennessey Educational School Foundation. Since this bench was 100% custom built, there were SEVERAL learning outcomes. Specifically, LOTS of Geometry because students had to find, bend, and/or cut countless angles precisely. Time was found for guest visitors from Invenergy where they provided the entire chapter Hideaway Pizza for lunch, informed them about the Wind Energy industry, and the Wagon Wheel project coming to Hennessey and surrounding areas. Livestock Show Highlights Cade Charmasson- County Grand Champion Wether, OYE Premium Sale qualifier, Crew Charmasson- County Grand Champion Ewe, OYE Premium Sale qualifier, McKenzie Hladik- County/NW District Show Grand Champion Steer, OYE Premium Sale qualifier, Addisyn Hladik- County Premium Sale qualifier/NW District Show Bronze Medallion steer, Paityn Koehn- County Reserve Grand Champion Steer. 6th place Steer at NW District Show/OYE, Amey Haymaker-County Breed Champion Berkshire Barrow, Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow and Bronze Medallion, NW District Sale Qualifier, 4th place Crossbred Barrow at OYE, Kaden Kennedy- County Bronze Medallion Steer and premium sale qualifier, Kole Smith- County Champion Red Angus Heifer, Reserve Champion Red Angus Heifer NW District Show, Champion Division 1 Red Angus Heifer at OYE, Kinsley Moeller-County Premium Sale qualifier, 1st place crossbred gilt NW District Show, Hannah Swart- County/NW District Premium Sale qualifier (crossbred barrow), Cale Dickens- County Premium Sale qualifier (Crossbred steer), Harper Streck- County Premium Sale qualifier, 1st place Angus Heifer NW District Show, Adler Dowell-County Premium Sale qualifier (barrow), Holden Swart- County 1st place crossbred gilt and Premium Sale qualifier, Adin Dickens- County Premium Sale qualifier (sheep), Camden Dowell- County Premium Sale qualifier (barrow), Leah Dickens- County 2nd Place Angus steer











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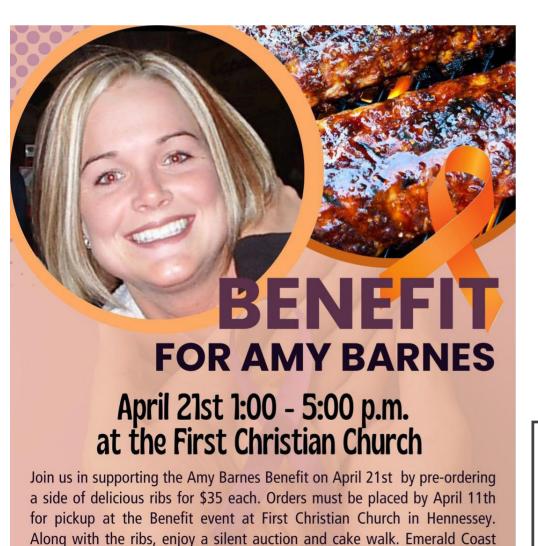




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Wednesday, April 10 Hennessey Golf Tournament (Girls) 10am – 3pm Blood Drive - Hosted by FCCLA 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime (ages

Thursday, April 11
HS Baseball Johnny Bench Classic (Day 1/3)
Speech & Debate State (Day 1/3)
JH Softball Crescent Tournament (Day 1/2)
Hennessey Golf Tournament (Boys)
12 – 1pm Hennessey Lions Club Meeting at Family Cafe
4:30 – 6:30pm JH Baseball vs Kremlin-Hillsdale (H)

Friday, April 12
HS Baseball Johnny Bench Classic (Day 2/3)
Speech & Debate State (Day 2/3)
JH Softball Crescent Tournament (Day 2/2)
Flatlands Marketplace (Day 1/2)
HS Track @ Chisholm

Saturday, April 13 HS Baseball Johnny Bench Classic (Day 3/3) Speech & Debate State (Day 3/3) Flatlands Marketplace (Day 2/2) 5th/6th Track @ Hennessey

Monday, April 15 7th/8th Track @ Hennessey Tax Day 4:30 – 5:30pm JH Softball vs Garber (A)

Tuesday, April 16

OSSAA State Instrumental Solo/Ensemble Contest (Day 1/3)

ELA Testing - 3rd grade (Day 1/2)

Mason Meeting at Coronado Lodge

OSSAA Class 3A Golf Qualifier (Girls)

Science Testing - 11th grade

4 - 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Hennessey Public Library

4:30 - 6:30pm HS Baseball vs Fairview (H)

4:30 - 6:30pm JH Baseball vs Pond Creek (A)

4:30 - 5:30pm JH Softball vs Drummond (A)

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