

Photo by AAH Shelley Muzny

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# **SEMI-TRUCK OVERTURNS NEAR HENNESSEY**

Hennessey, OK — May 7, 2025, a semi-truck rolled over Wednesday afternoon on State Highway 51 near 2950 Road, approximately 10 miles east of Hennessey.

According to a report from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP), the incident occurred around 3:30 p.m. The driver, identified as Theron Harris of Lawton, was traveling eastbound when he failed to maintain his lane and veered off the right side of the roadway. Harris attempted to steer the truck back onto the highway but lost control. The vehicle crossed the center line and continued off the left side of the road, where it entered the north ditch.

The truck struck a concrete culvert and rolled a quarter turn before coming to rest on its passenger side. Hwy 81 was closed for about 30 minutes while M6 Wrecker and Recovery worked on recovering the semi.

Harris was transporting a load of dog treats from Okeene to Kansas at the time of the crash. The OHP reported that Harris was transported to a hospital in Enid with injuries to his head, neck, and arm. His condition was not immediately known. Hennessey Fire, OHP, Kingfisher County Sheriff Department, Life EMS, and M6 Wrecker and Recovery worked the scene.



### ENID PD GRADUATES NEW CLASS, HENNESSEY'S BURCH JOINS THE FORCE

The Enid Police Department held a graduation ceremony on May 9 for CLEET Academy Class 2025-1, honoring 13 new officers and deputies ready to serve across Oklahoma.

One familiar face in the group was Officer Ryan Burch, son of Bryan and Shelley Burch of Hennessey. Ryan will join the Enid Police Department,



HPD Reserve Officer Bryan Burch, pinning his son, Enid PD Ryan Burch.

continuing a strong family legacy of public service. He's the fourth generation to serve, with deep roots in Kingfisher County law enforcement.

Family, friends, and community members packed the room to celebrate the recruits, who spent months pushing through physical training, long days in the classroom, and more than a few OC spray lessons they won't soon forget. The message of the day? Graduation isn't the finish line it's the starting point.

His great-grandfather, Robert "Bob" Lee, served as Undersheriff for Kingfisher County in the late 1970s. His dad, Bryan,

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has been a reserve officer for Hennessey PD since 2003. His uncle, Jason Burch, has spent 18 years with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Add in Great-Grandma Norma Lee and Great-Aunt Lawayne Darling, who both worked at the Kingfisher County Jail, and you've got a true law enforcement family tree. His sister Bryann Walls currently dispatches for the county, and his sister Sierra worked as a dispatcher for Hennessey PD back in 2016.

With that kind of background, Officer Burch isn't just wearing the badge he's carrying on the family business.



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## UMBRELLAS UP, BINGO DOWN: PIONEER'S ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Pioneer Telephone held its 72nd Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 6th, at the Kingfisher County Fairgrounds. As attendees arrived, they were welcomed with bottomless hot coffee and a few rounds of bingo, thanks to attentive Pioneer employees who kept the refills and bingo cards coming.

Guests were also treated to a delicious boxed lunch from McAlister's Deli, making for a cozy and enjoyable gathering indoors.

District Trustees were joined by Pioneer's executive team, Brenda Walta, Kim Grellner, Blake Callaham, and Mike Baustert, who shared updates on the cooperative's financial health, recent achievements, and continued progress with fiber optic expansion. While quorum was not met and no official voting could take place, the event still delivered plenty of excitement with 25 lucky attendees taking home cash prizes. Pioneer was proud to celebrate another year of serving its members and looks forward to continuing its mission of innovation, connection, and community. Photos by AAH-Amy Smith





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## NINETY NEVER LOOKED BETTER

On Saturday, May 10th, a fabulous group of women gathered for the 3rd Annual 90s Ladies Social. But don't be fooled, this wasn't a throwback to scrunchies and boy bands. These beauties have earned their 90s... as in age, not decade! Yes, to attend this classy social, you had to be at least 90 years young, and these ladies are living proof that age is just a number (a very fabulous one, we might add).

Guests were treated to a delightful meal fit for royalty, a dance performance from the always-fantastic RedLevé crew, and left with gift baskets that would make the younger crowd jealous.

Big thanks to the generous hearts who made it all possible: Hennessey United who hosted this event, Farm Bureau, Pecans of Merritt, and Hennessey Flower Shop. You all helped create a day these ladies, and everyone lucky enough to witness it, won't soon forget. Photos by AAH-Amy Smith



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Tyson Ashlock

by AAH, Shelley Muzny

Tyson was born in Okeene and raised in Lacey (Hennessey). He made his grand entrance into the world on Halloween, to parents Dean and Almeta Ashlock. Dean and Almeta had four children: Travis Ashlock, Teresa Wymore, Tabitha Ferrell, and Tyson. During high school, Tyson participated in FFA for one year and FCCLA for two years. He was also a starter on the Hennessey High School Boys Basketball team and was crowned Basketball



Homecoming King. Tyson graduated from Hennessey High School in 2004.

After graduation, he began working for Longhorn Service Companies, where he spent 15 years, before moving on to Brian's Hot Oil Service, where he has worked for the past six years as a Hot Oiler. Tyson has certainly followed in his father's footsteps, yet he has also forged his own path. Dean often says, "There's nothing that kid is afraid of, and he works hard." Dean and Tyson had the privilege of working together when Tyson first started, and they cherish the priceless memories made during that time.

Tyson married Rebekah (Bekki), and they have been happily married for 17 years. They have one son, Taryn, who is a junior at Kremlin. Tyson and Bekki stay busy supporting Taryn in his various activities. Taryn plays baseball, basketball, and drives a race car. Tyson and Taryn spend countless hours discussing sports, racing, and working on the race car together.

Despite having a demanding job, Tyson is a dedicated family man who always puts his family first. He is a great husband, father, son, and brother. The family also plays on a co-ed softball team on Wednesdays in Enid. Tyson and Bekki have worked hard to create a beautiful family and life together. To know Tyson is to know you have someone you can count on during a time of need, as well as someone who will make you laugh and remind you to enjoy life!.



## **ANGEL MOM**

by Bonny Flesher

Sunday, May 11th, 2025 was Mother's Day! If you are fortunate enough to still have your mother, hug her. I have lived 15 years without mine and cherish the memories I have of her. I remember her dancing the Charleston in the kitchen



Transitions by Bonny Flesher

and playing Scrabble with my brother, often challenging every word he came up with. There was always a dictionary nearby to verify if the words were real. Mom loved to cook and feed people; I truly believe it was her way of showing love. You never left Bill and Jeannie's house with an empty stomach.

She also loved to read, and I would often find her absorbed in a book, which she would put down when we arrived. My mother had a beautiful alto voice and enjoyed harmonizing with others in her church choir. I can still hear her singing at the kitchen sink to whatever was playing on TV. My dad loved her voice and often expressed his admiration, claiming that her alto was better than anyone you'd hear on the radio. She always said her goal was to sing in God's choir.

I usually waited until after 6:30 PM to call home, mainly because longdistance rates were lower at that time. Coincidentally, that was also when the game show "The Wheel of Fortune" was on TV. I always asked the same question: "What are you doing?" If my dad answered, he would say, "Watching Vanna," and if my mom answered, she would say, "Watching the Wheel." Their responses always made me giggle!

I can't reflect on the memories my mom gave us without mentioning her faith. She wasn't perfect, but she had a servant's heart and did her best to pass that down to her children. She often spoke about angels among us. I remember when I was four years old and my grandmother, my mom's mother, passed away. This was my first experience with loss. Mom took me to the funeral home and held me over my grandmother's casket while explaining that our bodies are like seashells. She said that when we die, we don't need our bodies anymore. I noticed a calmness in the room and a golden glow surrounding us, which made me feel safe. I kept what I saw and felt to myself for many years, thinking who would



believe a four-year-old?

Years later, while driving my mom to an appointment in Enid, my grandmother came up in the conversation. I finally found the courage to ask her about that moment in the funeral home. Mom didn't hesitate and explained that the glow I saw was the angel Gabriel, who had come to comfort us. She never mentioned it again, nor did I.

Fast forward to 15 years ago, and there I was, quietly

sitting in the funeral home next to my mother's "seashell" that carried her spirit. Once again, I felt comfort, and yes, there was that golden glow in the room!

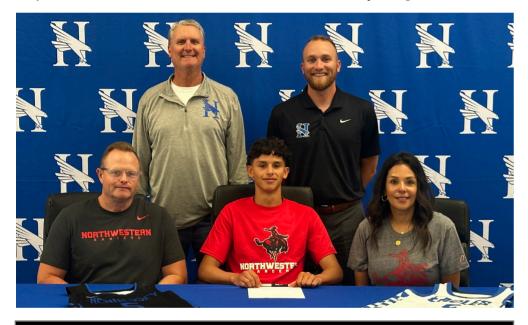
### CAMDYN RICHARDSON SIGNS WITH NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE TO CONTINUE BASKETBALL CAREER

Hennessey High School senior Camdyn Richardson officially signed with Northwestern Oklahoma State University on May 7, committing to continue his basketball career with the Rangers in Alva. The signing ceremony, held at the Hennessey Event Center, was attended by family, friends, and teammates, marking a significant milestone in Richardson's athletic journey.

Richardson, a 6'1" point guard, has been a standout player for the Hennessey Eagles. In his junior year, he led the team to a 24-5 record, clinching the district title with a perfect 7-0 record. During his senior season, he averaged 18 points per game and made headlines by setting a school record with 56 points in a single game against Woodland on January 23, 2025.

Coached by Dallas Hunt and Doug Boyd, Richardson's leadership and performance on the court have been instrumental in the team's success. His commitment to NWOSU reflects his dedication to advancing his basketball career at the collegiate level.

Congratulations to Camdyn Richardson on this achievement. The Hennessey community looks forward to supporting him as he takes this exciting next step with the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers.





### HENNESSEY'S CAMDYN RICHARDSON NAMED OCCTCA ALL-STAR

Camdyn Richardson has been named a 2025 Class 3A Senior All-Star by the Oklahoma Cross Country & Track Coaches Association. He earned the honor in boys' long jump after placing 8th at the state meet with a 21-foot jump. Last year, Richardson was the Class 2A state runner-up and medaled in four events. He also helped qualify Hennessey's 400. 800, and mile relays for state. photo provided



# **GOLDEN CHICK GIVES**

Golden Chick owner Tony and General Manager Christina presented Hennessey Elementary and Middle Schools with a check on Wednesday, May 7th. This was from a program they have put into place, with every purchase of the churros, a percentage is put towards the schools. All the profit from the churros went to pay off overdue lunch accounts for the Elementary and Middle Schools. This is the second year Tony has done this and hopes to continue it in the future.



Pictured Left to Right: Mr. Barry Crosswhite (Elementary School Principal), Christina, Mr. Ricardo Tarango (Middle School Principal), and Tony. AAH, Shelley Muzny

## 3A-4A STATE TRACK MEET SPR

### SPRING BAND SPECTACULAR

### Girls 3200m relay

Emma Copeland(11), Jocelyn Matousek(11), Tayler Franklin(11), Camila Rios(9), 16th place, 10:51:56 Girls 3200m Emma Copeland(11) 9th place, 12:21:71, PR Girls 100m hurdles McKenna Cheney(9) 14th place, 19:15 Girls 1600m Emma Copeland(11) 12th place, 5:44:13 Discus Titan Root(9) 16th place, 108-9 Long jump Camdyn Richardson(12) 8th place, 21-0 400m relay, Disqualified Camdyn Richardson(12), Jessin Hardin(12), Mario Lopez(10), Beau Vinson(9) 800m relay, 14th place, 1:37:17 Camdyn Richardson(12), Jessin Hardin(12), Mario Lopez(10), Beau Vinson(9) 1600m relay, 12th place, 3:34:42 Camdyn Richardson(12), Luis Macias-Montoya(11) Beau Vinson(9), Asher Ward(9)

Girls head coach, Cheyenne Baxter Boys head coach, Mark Cox Asst coaches, Aaron Pitts & Doug Boyd







Hennessey Public Schools proudly hosted the Spring Band Concert on Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 PM in the Hennessey School Auditorium. Under the direction of Mr. Danny Powers, the evening showcased the incredible talents of our band students.

The 5th grade band kicked off the concert with an impressive performance of three songs: "Strike Force," "Homework Blues," and "Old MacDonald Had a Band." Following them, the combined bands of 6th, 7th, and 8th grades played two exciting pieces: "Westwind Overture" and "The Might of Hercules."

The highlight of the evening was the performance by The Pride of Hennessey, who captivated the audience with five beautifully arranged songs: "Storm King," "In the Shining of the Stars," "Jazz Venture," "Rogue River Venture," and "Mister Joe."

Throughout the year, band students in grades 5-12 have earned numerous awards and recognitions, marking a remarkable year for The Pride of Hennessey! AAH, Shelley Muzny



### CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF HENNESSEY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

Hennessey Public Schools are truly fortunate to have exceptional teachers. From Pre-K through 12th grade, each educator dedicates countless hours to preparing for their students. HPS teachers are hardworking, committed, and caring, ensuring that every student feels valued and seen. Thank you to all the HPS teachers for your incredible efforts; your hard work does not go unnoticed. (While most teachers were present for pictures, some were attending student activities.) AAH, Shelley Muzny



# **FIELD DAY FUN**

The Hennessey ECC and Elementary held their field day on May 9th. Physical Education teacher Doreen Winn organized multiple obstacles for the students to participate in. The students had a fantastic time during the event. A big thank you to Coach Winn for her hard work and dedication to the PE department and to promoting the students' health and wellness. By AAH, Shelley Muzny



### HELEN ROSE WHITTENBURG OBITUARY

The funeral for Helen Rose Whittenburg, 77 will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday May 13, 2025 at First Christian Church officiated by Jimmy Berkenbile. Burial will follow at Hennessey Cemetery under the direction of Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home.

Helen was born in Wichita, Kansas on March 6, 1948 to Robert and Lucille Foster and died Tuesday May 6, 2025 at Integris Bass Baptist Health Center in Enid.

She married Claude Whittenburg in Missouri on December 7, 1990.

Helen is survived by her husband Claude of the home, two sons Lonnie Lee Rains of Enid, Joey Jay Rains, and wife Carrie of Lindsay: one stepdaughter Julie Streck, one stepson Keith Whittenburg, two sisters Nancy Bielke, Alice Jean Campbell, seven grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Sharon Fuller, her stepdaughter Jami Whittenburg, and one grandson Logan Whittenburg.

### DOUGLAS JOE PACULA OBITUARY

Memorial service for Douglas Joe Pacula, 58 will be at 11:00 AM Friday May 10, 2025 at First Baptist Church officiated by Rev. Shane Bennett. Cremation arrangements are by Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home.

Doug was born in Enid on October 20, 1966 to Donald and Patricia Steenrod Pacula and died Saturday May 3, 2025 at his home east of Hennessey.

He was a member of the Coors League at Oakwood Bowl. Doug attended the First Baptist Church and United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two sons Daniel

Pacula and wife Stephanie of Hennessey, Michael Pacula of Stillwater; two daughters Amber Pacula and Elizabeth Pacula, both of Hennessey; two grandchildren Isaiah Gutierrez, and Terrance Pacula; one brother Mark Guffey and wife Karen, three sisters Pam Hall, Lisa Byrne and fiancée Don Brown, and Cindi Munn.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents Donald and Patricia Pacula.

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30

### WILLIS CHARLES RITZ OBITUARY

Willis Charles (Bill) Ritz was born July 24, 1930 in Okeene, Oklahoma to A.L.(Andy) and Evelyn Alyce (Webster) Ritz, the eldest son in a family of nine children. He passed from this life into the presence of his Savior on May 4, 2025 at his home in Woodway, Texas at the age of 94.

He spent his early life in the Okeene and Southard, OK area. He loved playing baseball and basketball and told stories of working on the family farm. Bill attended Southard, OK High School, graduating as valedictorian in 1948. He attended Oklahoma State University before enlisting in the US Air Force in January 1951, ultimately retiring from the Air Force in 1971 as a Senior Master Sergeant.



During his time in the military, he lived in and visited many places around the world, including serving in Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He always looked for a way to tell others about Jesus. In his younger days he organized Youth for Christ rallies in England.

While stationed in England, he met and fell in love with Jean Elizabeth Eglen. They married December 27, 1954 in Dereham, Norfolk, England. They had four children, Priscilla (Bill) Barnes, Jeanette (Russell) Little, Elizabeth (Randall) Guyton and William (Stacy) Ritz.

After retiring from the Air Force, Bill moved to Hennessey, OK where he worked in various roles in the automotive industry, finally running his own shop with his brother Jack. He then worked in the oil field until retirement. He moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1999, and to Woodway, TX in 2008, where he lived the remainder of his life. During his lifetime he actively supported many organizations and missionaries focused on bringing the Word of God throughout the world. He was active in the Gideons International, and his church, First Woodway Baptist Church. Throughout his life, Bill was continually reaching out to help people. He stopped to help people on the side of the road, to pick up people on the road, or to bring people home for a meal. None left without hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was always willing and ready to provide help to anyone who called or asked. He loved God, his family and his country. He enjoyed telling people about his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, A.L. (Andy) and Alyce Ritz, his sisters, Betty Ritz and Doris Young, his brother Lewis (Jack) Ritz, his in-laws, Geoffrey and May Eglen, brother-in-law Kenny Garner, brother-in-law Lew Bregenzer, and sister-in-law Johnnie Ritz.

He is survived by his wife of over 70 years, Jean of Woodway, TX, daughters Priscilla (Bill) Barnes, Hennessey, OK, Jeanette (Russell) Little, Fort Worth, TX, Elizabeth (Randall) Guyton, Seaside, FL, and son William (Stacy) Ritz, Waco, TX. He is also survived by grandchildren Aaron (Leslie) Barnes, Kearney, MO, Adam (Brandi) Barnes, Stillwater, OK, Jason (Kendra) Barnes, Edmond, OK, Ronnie (Heather) Woolbright, Burleson, TX, Sara (Justin) Ratliff), Decatur, TX, Paul (Katie) Woolbright, Euless, TX, David (Yami) Woolbright), Azle, TX, Meg (Austin) Pisacane, Austin, TX, Olivia (Slater) Stringer, (Atlanta, GA), Kathryn Ritz, Lorena, TX and Macyn Pierce, Lorena, TX, in addition to 19 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Dan (Kathy) Ritz, Mineola, TX, Jim (Donna) Ritz, Piedmont, OK, and Terry (Judy) Ritz, Sachse, TX; his sisters Alyce Bregenzer, Hennessey, OK and Carolyn (Don) Winter, Enid, OK, sister-in-law Barbara Garner, Dereham, UK, brother-in-law Derek (Jo) Eglen), Dereham, UK, along with many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Grace Gardens, 8220 Woodway Drive, Waco, Texas on May 12, 2025, followed by burial with military honors at Fort Hood, Kileen Texas. Flowers are welcome or memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons International in memory of Willis Charles Ritz for placement of Bibles. Donations may be made online at www.gideons.org or mailed to The Gideons International, PO Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214.



### **BRENDA GAY LANN OBITUARY**

Brenda Gay Lann, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, was born on September 10, 1950, in Cushing, Oklahoma. She was the cherished daughter of Herman Marvin Kerby and Marie (Cross) Kerby. She passed away May 7, 2025 in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Brenda's life was marked by her unwavering love for family, her deep faith, and her selfless nature.



On September 19, 1990, Brenda married the love of her life, Tony Lann. Together, they shared countless memories filled with laughter, love, and devotion. Brenda dedicated herself to various roles throughout her life, working as a cook and housekeeper, but it was in her role as a homemaker that she truly flourished. With a nurturing heart, she ensured that her family was always taken care of, loving and supporting them in every way possible.

Brenda found great joy in attending church, most recently at Lifeway. Her passion for volunteering demonstrated her selflessness; she always lent a helping hand to those in need without hesitation.

She enjoyed shopping and embraced the beauty of nature during camping and fishing trips with her children as they were growing up.

Family was Brenda's greatest treasure. Her loving spirit will live on through her husband, Tony; her children, Roxie Patterson, Vanessa Richey and husband Gabe, and Nicole Hux and husband Chad; and her grandchildren, Karesa Patterson and fiancé Bud Hardin, Kealin Patterson and significant other Mercedes Jackson, Allie Bell and husband Zach Bell, Hope Patterson and significant other Zach Rouse, Harley Hux, Graci Hux, Spencer Rigsby, Jonathon Rigsby, Cheyenne Rigsby, and Rylee Richey. Brenda will also be remembered fondly by her greatgrandchildren, Jett Hardin, Karson, Braxton, Rosalie Patterson, Skylah and Suttyn Bell, and Luxton Crum and Letty Rouse. She is also survived by her brother, Ronald Kerby, sister-in-laws, Cindy Kerby and Amelia Kerby, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Pat Patterson, brother, Raymond Kerby, nephew, Joshua Kerby, and great-grandson, Jayden Patterson.

Brenda will be deeply missed, but her love and kindness will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Viewing to pay final respects to Brenda will be held on Tuesday, May 13 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 14 and Thursday May 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home (1612 S. Main Street, Kingfisher, OK 73750)

### FROM THE PULPIT

-HENNESSEY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER-

### **COME THIRSTY, LEAVE FILLED** Pastor Shane Bennett First Baptist Church

Where do you turn when days are difficult and your needs seem to overwhelm you? Where do you look for encouragement, comfort, and hope? The bible is a great place to turn, but where in the bible? If that's you, there is a helpful chapter hidden in the Old Testament in Isaiah 55.

Out of great compassion, the Lord says this: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost." These are just the kind of verses that offer that encouragement. God is telling us where we can have our needs met. He shows us where refreshment comes from and how we can get it.



He says that we buy it. Hopefully it seems strange to you that God would suggest that. Grace is not

for sale. We don't buy it. This is why He says that we buy it without money and at no cost. Does that sound too good to be true? The deepest needs we have in life are found at the Lord's store, but he won't take your money. His graces are gifts.

So, how can they become ours.

In verse 3 he says, "Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live." God is calling us to come to Him. That may seem really simple, but coming to Him means leaving other things behind. This becomes clearer in verses 6-7 where he says, "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts." Many times when we consider that the bible tells us to leave our sinful ways we think of it in hateful or judgmental terms.

In truth, we all deserve judgment from God because of the wrongs we have done. But it's not a hateful or vengeful attitude in God that calls us to repent. In the rest of verse 7 He says, "Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon." Because of God's love and mercy He calls people to turn away from their wrong attitudes and wrong actions.

The gospel presents satisfaction for the hungry and thirsty who hear this call to repentance. The gospel gives us hope of coming to the storehouse of grace with empty hands and being filled with forgiveness, peace, love, and confidence in the enduring grace of a heavenly father. I pray that you might turn to Him today. If you want help with that, you can go to a church in town and talk to a pastor that can show you the way to Jesus.

BEjoyful IN HOPE patient IN AFFLICTION faithful **IN PRAYER** 

**ROMANS 12:12** 

### -HENNESSEY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER-

### Lois Morrison Obituary

Lois Morrison, of Pauls Valley, left this earthly world and was reunited with Joe on May 9, 2025 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma at the age of 92 years.

Lois Russell was born September 26, 1932 at home in the Whitebead Community near Pauls Valley, Oklahoma to Ollie Lester and Callie Marguerite (Hunt) Russell. On February 7, 1948 she and Joe J. "Pete" Morrison were married in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. They were blessed with two children Margaret in 1948



and Roger in 1951. She and her family left Whitebead when her kids were in Elementary School and moved to Hennessy, Oklahoma for a number of years. They returned to make their home in Whitebead Community in the 1990's. She worked in many occupations, Clerk at Western Auto, Otasco, Loves and 4 T's but she mostly enjoyed working as Cook and watching local children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ollie Lester and Callie Marguerite Russell; her husband, Joe J. "Pete" Morrison; and sisters, Berniece Irby and Pauline Baker.

### PLEASE HELP!

Kingfisher County District 2 Commissioner Mike Sparks is urging the public to avoid County Road 700 (Beard Blacktop) to 2720 Road. Crews are actively working to improve the roadway, and bypassing the barriers is causing further damage and delaying progress. Please respect the closures for everyone's safety and to help speed up repairs. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please call the shop at 405-853-4413

or the commissioner at 405-853-5113



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| No Insurance                     | \$180.00 | Schroeder, Neal Allen of Okeene, OK          |
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| Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes | \$265.00 | Schroeder, Neal Allen of Okeene, OK          |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Beal, Myquesta Anthony of Weatherford, OK    |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Parker, Drew Alan of Piedmont, OK            |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Ibarra, Miguel Angel Duenez of Watonga,OK    |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Poplin, Stephen Shane of Enid, OK            |
| Speeding 11-15 Over              | \$212.00 | Cardenas, Raul of Oklahoma City, OK          |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Simon, Carolyn Ann of Enid, OK               |
| Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes | \$265.00 | Brim, Brandi Dee of Hennessey, OK            |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Pierce, Ryan Michael of Enid, OK             |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | May-Sconyers, Grace Marie of Jackson, TX     |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Dowell, Jaryn Jess of Hennessey, OK          |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Portales, Alyssa of Kingfisher, OK           |
| Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes | \$265.00 | Valles, Joshua of Kingfisher, OK             |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Sutherlin, Allison Kaylee of Waukomis,       |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Seifert, John Steven of Piedmont, OK         |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Dietz, Rachael Cheyenne of Hennepin, OK      |
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| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Salazar Rodriguez, Abel Agustin of Worth, IL |
| Speeding 16-20 Over              | \$227.00 | Meza, Angel Damian of Drummond, OK           |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Herron, Bryan Eden of Edmond, OK             |
| Expired Tag/Failure to Pay Taxes | \$265.00 | Herron, Bryan Eden of Edmond, OK             |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Hullett, Sherri Annette of Enid, OK          |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Hawkins, Rebecca Mae of Oklahoma City, OK    |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Dole, Kathleen Jan of Fresno, CA             |
| Speeding 11-15 Over              | \$212.00 | Belew, Denny Burl of Tahoka, TX              |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Groves, Christopher Russell of OKC, OK       |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Turner, Kimberly Nacole of Yukon, OK         |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Meskimen, Bryan of Walton Beach, FL          |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Spaeth, Amanda Christine of Okeene, OK       |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Laurell, James Edward of Enid, OK            |
| Speeding 1-10 Over               | \$185.00 | Ibarra Avila, Uriel of Syracuse, KS          |
| Speeding 16-20 Over              | \$227.00 | Locatelli, Ricky Stanley of Cheyenne, OK     |
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### TIPS FOR GIFT GIVING/HOW TO BE THOUGHTFUL ~

It's graduation time! Almost time for summertime weddings and baby showers|births. And, of course, there's always birthdays and anniversaries. Not to mention, the opportunity for a "just because" gift. (Really wish we would've had this article done in time for teacher and nurse appreciation week and Mother's Day buuut c'est la vie.) Last but certainly not least, is another time to give— when someone that you care about is hurting. This is perhaps the best time to show how much you care. Keep in mind that during times of grief the person is most likely overwhelmed by their emotions... left feeling vulnerable... maybe even lost. If they can't tell you what they need, because their brain is overloaded\_ try not asking. Just take it upon yourself to give them something or do something for them that you think could help.

When it comes to gift giving, if you know the person well enough, give them some of their favorite things. If you don't know their favorite things, give them basics|essentials. If you don't even know them that well, give them cash. Give something you'd like for yourself! If your recipient is someone that's lost all their possessions or maybe a graduate moving out for the first time— think about your favorite thing you own or what makes your day|life better that you believe they could benefit from receiving. Or, think outside the box- be a thoughtful|creative gift giver. Give them your time. Give of your talents. Give of yourself. No matter what you give, be a cheerful gift giver.

If you must ask, be specific ~ instead of the general statement of "what do you need?" ask "could I get you a(n) \_\_\_\_\_?" \*even better "I'd love to get you a(n) \_\_\_\_\_" Don't be afraid to talk about a budget or price point. We know that might be awkward but, meet them in the awkwardness! One honest conversation about what you're able to spend could dispel that awkwardness and actually help you both enjoy the whole exchange more.

We understand that is a hard concept for some people to be comfortable with. Neither of us really enjoy talking about money- especially when it involves money being spent on us. So, we get it. But, as we all know (or are learning), we have to do the hard things to help us grow.

### Tips for receiving gifts:

If you're asked what you'd like or what you need- don't be afraid to be honest if there is something specific you want|need. It's very helpful to make a list or registry for people to shop from. Be sure to include items of varying price-points. If you're not asked or you're given a "just because" or especially if you're given a "grief time gift" you must humble yourself and receive the gift graciously.

A perspective shift that could help is that someone giving you something might actually have more to do with them than you. It might be their love language or the only way they know how to express themselves or a way they're letting you know they care. After receiving, be sure and express your gratitude. Let's revive the art of sending thank you cards! At the very least a thank you text. Or, be brave and thank them in person! Maybe even hug! \*gasp\* Haha, it feels like the quarantine years made us so standoffish that we need to be reminded we CAN show affection and hug again.

facts regarding Fun our duo: Autumn is the gracious, thoughtful giver and Summer constantly says, "oh I wish I would've thought of that...can I cashapp you and go in on it?!" Haha! But, Summer is better at graciously receiving and expressing her gratitude whereas Autumn is ridiculously awkward when gifted something. Lol

**Good news:** It is never too late to improve your gifting (or receiving) skills. Just keep it simple and find joy in sharing with those around you!



## DOBRINSKI COMMENTS ON CANTON LAKE FACILITY CLOSURES

OKLAHOMA CITY – Rep. Mike Dobrinski, R-Okeene, today commented on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announcement of several temporary recreation facility closures at Canton Lake.

Dobrinski said it's his understanding the main impact will be closure of the primary swimming beach at Sandy Cove as well as one of the larger campgrounds, the Fairview Group Camp. The majority of campsites will remain available to rent throughout the summer. The closures are happening due to Canton only having one full-time ranger at the moment. They are unable to hire additional staff until a federal hiring freeze expires in July. A full-time ranger already is lined up to transfer to Canton at that time, along with two seasonal summer rangers as normally occurs each summer.

Dobrinski said he was told this is more of a safety concern at the moment, as one ranger cannot safely monitor all these area. This is not a long-term funding issue, and there is expectation for everything to be back to normal by next summer when the lake can be fully staffed.

"I know Canton Lake is important to our area residents and for our local economy that benefits from the number of visitors we receive each summer," Dobrinski said. "I will stay on top of this issue to ensure this is resolved as quickly as possible."

According to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers news release, anyone who has made reservations for camping at any of the closed areas will automatically be issued a full refund in four to six weeks. Reservations will be cancelled and fully refunded starting May 15. The objective is to open the parks at the earliest opportunity while minimizing impacts to the public.



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# <u>Calendar</u>

Wednesday, May 14 Hennessey Food Bank Open Sr. Reflection Walk 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime 7 – 8PM BACCALAUREATE

Thursday, May 15 HS BB State (Day 1/3) Last Day of School 8:30 – 9:30am Elementary Semester Awards/4th grade Graduation (Auditorium) 12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe

Friday, May 16 HS BB State (Day 2/3) 10am Library opens late (in-house training) 7 – 8PM GRADUATION

> Saturday, May 17 HS BB State (Day 3/3)

Monday, May 19 1pm Youth Football Camp (students going into 4th-7th grade) (Day 1/2)

Tuesday, May 20 Until 3pm Youth Football Camp (students going into 4th-7th grade) (Day 2/2) Mason Meeting at Coronado Lodge 4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Hennessey Public Library

Wednesday, May 21 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, May 22 12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day JH Softball Summer League

Tuesday, May 27 4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Hennessey Public Library

Wednesday, May 28 Hennessey Food Bank Open HS Football Team Camp (Day 1/2) 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime Thursday, May 29 HS Football Team Camp (Day 2/2) 12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe

> Friday, May 30 1 – 5pm Sports Physicals (JH/HS Athletes)

Monday, June 2 JH Softball Summer League

Tuesday, June 3 HS Softball Summer League 4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Hennessey Public Library

Wednesday, June 4 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, June 5 12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe 6:30 – 7:30pm OK2A Meeting Vernost Wine Co

Friday, June 6 HS Football Golf Tournament (Fundraiser) 10am Library opens late (in-house training)

> Monday, June 9 JH Softball Summer League 4:30 – 5:30pm Library Board 7 – 8pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 10 HS Softball Summer League 4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club Hennessey Public Library 6 – 7pm Hennessey Town Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 11 10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, June 12 12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe

> Saturday, June 14 FLAG DAY

Sunday, June 15 FATHER'S DAY

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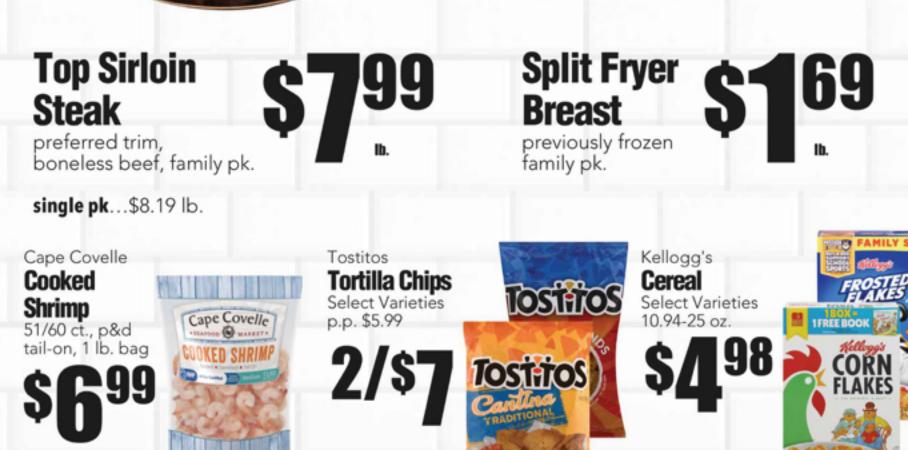


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