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ANNUAL STATE AID FUNDING SUPPORTS HENNESSEY PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Steven Mitchell show STEM KITS
in renovated teen room.**

The Hennessey Public Library has received its annual State Aid funding, a grant provided through the State of Oklahoma to help support library services and resources for local communities.

State Aid is awarded each year to libraries that continue to meet specific eligibility requirements. To qualify, libraries must maintain a required number of operating hours, meet maintenance of effort

standards, and provide public library services to the community. The funding, which typically totals between \$3,600 and \$3,700 annually, is designed to strengthen library programs and services.

While the funding provides valuable support, state regulations limit how the money can be spent. State Aid funds cannot be used for construction, remodeling, land purchases, vehicles, or permanent building improvements such as carpeting or air conditioning systems.

Over the years, the Hennessey Public Library has used the funding for a variety of projects, including upgrading public computers and enhancing its Summer Reading Program.

This year, the library directed the funds toward expanding its teen room by adding a new STEM learning station. The station includes hands-on educational kits primarily designed for students in fifth grade and older, although library staff say younger children have also enjoyed using them. The new addition provides visitors with an engaging opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through interactive activities while encouraging learning in a fun and welcoming environment.

DAVID JONES CHOSEN AS THE GRAND MARSHAL OF THE FIRST ANNUAL FREEDOM FEST PARADE

The Town of Hennessey is proud to announce that Staff Sergeant David Jones has been selected as the Grand Marshal of the 2026 Freedom Fest Parade.

A lifelong Hennessey native, David graduated from Hennessey High School in 1966 before answering the call to serve his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. As a Weapons Mechanic, he loaded bombs on A-37 aircraft at Bien Hoa Air Force Base, playing a vital role in supporting troops on the ground.



**Grand Marshall David Jones
pictured here with wife Patty.**

But David's story is about far more than his own military service.

His family's commitment to America spans generations, from relatives who served during World War II and the Vietnam War, to ancestors connected to the Battle of Bunker Hill during the American Revolution. His mother even contributed to the war effort as a Rosie the Riveter during World War II. Today, that legacy continues as his grandsons dream of serving in the Army and Navy.

David humbly describes his military career as "just a small part" of his family's long tradition of service, yet his dedication, patriotism, and love for Hennessey make him an outstanding choice to lead this year's parade. Please join us as we honor Staff Sergeant David Jones and all the men and women who have worn our nation's uniform.

**Freedom Fest Parade
Thursday, July 2
Parade begins at 7:30 p.m.**

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HENNESSEY PLANS FIRST ANNUAL FREEDOM FEST CELEBRATION JULY 2

Thursday, July 2 | Starting at 6 p.m.

Come hungry and ready for an evening of family fun at Hennessey's Freedom Fest. Enjoy free hot dogs from the Hennessey Lions Club, free watermelon courtesy of 4T's, and free bottled water provided by Cimarron Electric while supplies last.

More than a dozen vendors and community organizations will be on hand, including Black Diamond, Sparky's, Fins, Fangs & More, MDC Creations, Hennessey Nutrition, Braxie Sharp Permanent Jewelry, Okie Oasis, Momma Hankins Burgers & More, Brenda Wallace, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Blood Institute, Liberty Lift, What-a-Burger, NAPA, Curb Digits, Jacket Inflatables, Sanders Quilts & Crafts, Liv's Car Candy, and Erin Wulffenstein. All About Hennessey will provide music throughout the evening, while families can enjoy balloon animals, visit community booths, and experience the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office DUI Obstacle Course, along with displays from the Kingfisher County Sheriff's Office and Hennessey Police Department.

The Freedom Fest Parade will line up at 7 p.m. in the Christian Church parking lot and start at 7:30 p.m. The two-way route will travel from Fourth Street and make a circle to Oak, head east on Third Street past the Hennessey Care Center, then north on Mitchell Road to U.S. Highway 51, then return south on Mitchell Road. Decorated golf carts, ATVs, side-by-sides, and other small four-wheel vehicles are encouraged to participate. Mitchell Road will close around 7:25 p.m., so spectators are encouraged to arrive early, bring lawn chairs, and enjoy the parade from along Mitchell Road near the school parking lot.

The fun continues after the parade with a hot dog eating contest for children, teens, and adults, a community selfie contest, carnival games, and giant water inflatables. Unlimited access to the inflatables is available with a \$10 wristband.

The evening concludes with a fireworks spectacular beginning at dark, approximately 9:30 p.m.



HENNESSEY FREEDOM FEST

HOT DOG CHALLENGE!

"Oh my gosh, you look like the Fourth of July! Makes me want a hot dog real bad."

"It's a bad day to be a hot dog."

HENNESSEY 4TH OF JULY PARADE

JULY 2ND

STARTS AT 8PM!

FOOTBALL FIELD HOUSE PARKING LOT

DIVISIONS

8-11 YEARS OLD

MINI MUSTARD CHAMPS

EAT 6 HOT DOGS

WHO EATS 6 HOT DOGS IN THE FASTEST TIME WINS!

12-HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

RELISH ROOKIES

EAT 12 HOT DOGS

WHO EATS 12 HOT DOGS IN THE FASTEST TIME WINS!

18 & OLDER

GRILL MASTER SHOWDOWN

EAT 24 HOT DOGS

WHO EATS 24 HOT DOGS IN THE FASTEST TIME WINS!

TIE BREAKER: If multiple contestants finish at the same time, a one hot dog tie breaker will determine the winner.

FUN PRIZES!

RULES

Contestants must remain seated during the challenge. Water is allowed. Hot dogs must be fully swallowed to count. Contestants may not assist each other. Any contestant who becomes ill during the contest is automatically disqualified. Judge's decisions are final. Participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the waiver.

HOT DOG CHALLENGE SIGN-UP SHEET

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

DIVISION (CHECK ONE):

☐ MINI MUSTARD CHAMPS (8-11 YEARS OLD) - 6 HOT DOGS

☐ RELISH ROOKIES (12-HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR) - 12 HOT DOGS

☐ GRILL MASTER SHOWDOWN (18 & OLDER) - 24 HOT DOGS

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (IF UNDER 18): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18): _____

EAT. COMPETE. CELEBRATE FREEDOM! GOD BLESS AMERICA!

LIABILITY WAIVER & RELEASE

I understand that participation in the Hennessey Freedom Fest Hot Dog Challenge involves risks, including but not limited to choking, allergic reactions, illness, injury, or other unforeseen medical conditions. I voluntarily choose to participate and assume all risks associated with this event. I release and hold harmless Hennessey Freedom Fest, event organizers, volunteers, sponsors, and property owners from any claims, liabilities, injuries, damages, or losses resulting from my participation.

I certify that I am physically capable of participating in this event.

PARTICIPANT NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18): _____

"THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK!"

HENNESSEY FREEDOM FEST

JULY 2ND 2026

ACTIVITIES START AT 6PM

PARADE LINE UP AT 7PM

PARADE STARTS AT 7:30PM

VENDORS ★ GAMES ★ WATER INFLATABLES

FOOD ★ FAMILY FUN & MORE!

Don't Miss! HOT DOG EATING CONTEST! STARTS AT 8PM

SIGN UP IN ADVANCE OR SIGN UP DAY OF!

FREE WATERMELON FROM 4T's FAMILY MARKET

NO PARKING AT THE FIELD HOUSE PARKING LOT FOR THE SAFETY OF KIDS.

Please be parked early if you plan to park at the school lot on Mitchell Rd.

Parade will go down Mitchell Road and side streets will be shut down starting at 7:20PM for parade.

ALL WILL GO TILL DUSK THEN FIREWORKS AT DARK!

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AMERICA TURNS 250, SOMEBODY LIGHT THE FUSE

by Jack Quirk

This Fourth of July, the United States turns 250 years old. That's right, 250. It's called the Semiquincentennial, which sounds less like a birthday and more like something your doctor checks during a physical.

However you say it, it marks 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, when a group of determined colonists decided they'd had just about enough and struck out on their own.

Now, I grew up on the upper East Coast, where "old" doesn't mean 1950s charm, it means really old. I'm talking houses with plaques proudly announcing they were built in the 1600s, back when indoor plumbing was more of a suggestion than a guarantee. Places like Rhode Island, founded in 1636 by Roger Williams, where history isn't something you read about, it's something you trip over on your way to get coffee.

I still remember celebrating the Bicentennial back in 1976. Two hundred years felt like a big deal, and it was. There were parades, fireworks, flags everywhere, and a whole lot of patriotic energy that lasted more than just a weekend.

Then I moved to Oklahoma.

Not long after, folks here were celebrating 75 years of statehood in 1982. Seventy-five. I remember thinking, "Well... that's nice," but quietly comparing it to those 300-year-old buildings back east. Around here, a building from the 1920s gets labeled "historic," and honestly, folks take just as much pride in it, maybe more.

And that's when it hit me. "Old" is all about perspective.

If you zoom out far enough, 250 years is barely a blip. Most of our ancestors came from Europe, where human history stretches back thousands upon thousands of years. In the grand timeline of civilization, the United States is still the new kid on the block, figuring out where it fits in the neighborhood.

Which brings me to a realization that stopped me in my tracks the other day.



Willow Ward posing in the rumble seat of her grandfather's replica Model A roadster.

I just turned 70 years old. That makes me about 28% as old as the United States.

Think about that for a second.

Somewhere along the line, I went from being part of the "next generation" to being a pretty decent chunk of the country's timeline. And as a third-generation American, my family's story here is just a small slice of that 250-year journey.

Maybe that's what makes this anniversary special.

It's not just about how old the country is, it's about how many stories have stacked up along the way. From colonial towns on the East Coast to wide-open Oklahoma skies, from wooden houses built in the 1600s to small-town main streets still writing their story today.

Two hundred fifty years in, we're still a work in progress.

Still growing, still learning, still arguing a little more than we probably should, and still showing up on the Fourth of July to celebrate the idea that started it all.

Semiquincentennial or not, that's something worth lighting a few fireworks over.



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Happy 250th Birthday, America!

Do you have any big plans for the 4th of July? Do your plans include cooking out and getting together with friends or family?! We have an oldie but goodie recipe that your kids can even help you throw together!

But first, Summer just got back from a trip to Italy with her daughter and while there she asked their tour guide what he thought of as "American food". Because, you know, Americans have a general idea of what Italian food is or what Mexican food is, etc... but what do other countries think of when they think "American food"?! His answer was hamburgers, BBQ, or maybe even steak. So basically, what we cook when we celebrate big "America Celebrations"! Haha! Think about it, do you cook out hamburgers and hotdogs for Memorial Day or 4th of July! Maybe you smoke a pork butt and have pulled pork (this counts as "BBQ"!). Then you are eating "American Food" according to the rest of the world. Every good "American Food" cookout deserves a great dessert and that is what we are including today!

This flag cake has a sugar cookie "crust". Feel free to use the rolled refrigerated cookie dough if you prefer for ease. This recipe uses one package of Betty Crocker sugar cookie mix. As a gluten free option, we suggest a pretzel crust but use gluten free pretzels!

Easy American Flag Cookie Cake

1 pkg Betty Crocker sugar cookie mix (make as directed on package, using 1 stick butter and 1 egg)

1 brick cream cheese, softened

½ c sugar

2 tsp vanilla

Blueberries

Raspberries

Strawberries



Mix the sugar cookie mix as directed on the package and press into a thin layer on a cookie sheet. Bake @ 325°F for about 15 minutes, or until done. Don't overbake. Allow to cool.

Mix the softened cream cheese, sugar, & vanilla with an electric mixer until very well combined and fluffy.

Once the cookie crust has cooled, spread the cream cheese "frosting" over the top of the cookie crust.

Wash and dry your berries, cut the strawberries into fourths, if desired, to help them lay better on the cake.

Arrange the berries on top of the frosted cookie cake in a flag formation with the blueberries acting as stars in the top left corner and the raspberries and strawberries alternating as red stripes to complete the flag. @okseasonedsisters



Mitchell Road Opened

The rebuilt portion of South Mitchell Road is now temporarily open to traffic.



The base layers of the project are complete, and according to a member of Rudy's Construction, the road will remain open for about a week before crews return to lay the final two-inch layer of smooth S4 asphalt.

So far, the contractor has excavated the old roadway down to the dirt, installed geogrid, a mesh reinforcement material, and placed six inches of aggregate. Using a GPS-guided grading system, prepped the base before paving it with six inches of S3 asphalt, the heavy-duty structural layer.

After allowing the roadway to settle, crews will return to install the final S4 asphalt surface, providing a smoother finished ride.

Rickey Owens, engineer with The Cowan Group, said the road is being built to Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) specifications because of the large amount of heavy truck traffic it carries. Those higher standards are designed to provide a longer-lasting roadway.

The final one-third of the Mitchell Road reconstruction project will begin once additional grant funding becomes available, in the near future. In the meantime, the remaining section has become rough from heavy truck traffic during construction. Kingfisher County Commissioner Mike Sparks said he is working with the contractor to make temporary improvements and keep the roadway in better condition until work on the final phase can begin.

Photos by AAH Jack Quirk

THE COMMONS - A Legacy Worth Celebrating

For many Enid families, **The Commons** isn't a place they've discovered. It's a place they've known about for years. In fact, chances are you've had a family member, friend, neighbor, church member, or former coworker who has called The Commons home at some point over the last several decades.

Founded in 1962, The Commons has quietly become one of Enid's longest-standing senior living communities. Just over two years ago, the campus entered an exciting new chapter when it became part of Bridges Health, an employee-owned healthcare organization. While leadership has evolved, the heart of The Commons has remained unchanged; a commitment to serving older adults with dignity, compassion, and exceptional care.

Today, The Commons offers a full continuum of senior living and healthcare services designed to meet residents wherever they are in life's journey. Asbury Place Apartments provide independent living for active adults ready to enjoy the freedom of maintenance-free living. Trinity Place Assisted Living offers the right amount of support while encouraging independence, and the campus also provides long-term care, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation services, allowing residents to remain in a familiar, caring environment as their needs change over time.

The future of The Commons is equally bright. Plans are underway to introduce cardiac skilled nursing services, expanding the specialized care available and reinforcing the commitment to meeting the evolving healthcare needs of the community.



Residents of nearby Wesley Place Town Homes continue to enjoy access to many of the amenities that have

long made The Commons such a special place, including dining services and a workout facility. It's another example of the connected lifestyle and welcoming community that have become hallmarks of the campus.



Of course, ask most families what makes The Commons special and they probably won't begin with a list of services. They'll tell you about the nurse who offered comfort during a difficult

season. The caregiver who remembered a resident's favorite dessert. The staff members who know everyone by name. They'll remember friendships formed over shared meals, activities, worship services, card games, and everyday conversations that transformed a retirement community into something that feels much more like family. That's what has defined The Commons for more than six decades.

Buildings change, healthcare evolves, and new services are introduced, but the values that matter most

like compassion, respect, and genuine relationships continue to shape every interaction and every resident's experience.

Every community has places that become woven into its story. In Enid, The Commons is one of those places. For generations, it has provided care, comfort, friendship, and peace of mind to thousands of residents and families. Today, under the ownership of Bridges Health, that tradition continues while embracing new opportunities to better serve the community for years to come.

Helping people feel at home has always been the mission of The Commons. That's a legacy worth celebrating.



MEET THE HENNESSEY FIREFIGHTERS



Each week, the Hennessey POST will feature a member of the Hennessey Fire Department, sharing their stories, what inspired them to join the fire service, and some of the accomplishments and experiences they've had along the way.

Randy Gregory

Randy Gregory joined the Hennessey Fire Department in 2024 and is already building strong connections with his fellow firefighters while serving the community. Originally from Dover, Oklahoma, Gregory graduated in 2007 and currently owns Gregory's tire shop.

Gregory said he joined the fire department for one simple reason, "To fight fires." He currently serves as a firefighter and has already completed Firefighter 1 training.

One of his favorite parts of the fire service is the camaraderie shared among the department members, saying he enjoys "hanging with my brothers." Outside of the department, Gregory enjoys spending time hunting.

As one of the newer members of the Hennessey Fire Department, Gregory is continuing to train and serve alongside the crew while helping protect the community.

POLICE REPORT JUNE 22 - 29 CITATIONS

06/22/2026 - Arriaga, Juan-Antonio None - Speeding 11-15
06/22/2026 - Walker, Jered A - Speeding 10 or Less
06/22/2026 - Smith, Thomas Leroy - No Insurance
06/22/2026 - Smith, Thomas Leroy - Failure to Stop at Stop Sign
06/22/2026 - Flanagan, Hunter Blake - Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State
06/22/2026 - Fisher, William Boyd - Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State
06/23/2026 - States, Jay Alan - Failure to Stop at Stop Sign
06/23/2026 - Compton, Dylan Michael - Speeding 10 or Less
06/24/2026 - White, Braden Joel - Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State
06/24/2026 - Anquoe, Katlyn Grace - Speeding 10 or Less
06/24/2026 - Russell, Lacye C - Speeding 10 or Less
06/24/2026 - Juarez, Francisco Daniel - Speeding 10 or Less
06/24/2026 - Smith, Charles Tyler - Speeding 10 or Less
06/24/2026 - Burgess, Donald Dewayne - Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State
06/25/2026 - Mazurik, Ethan Ray - Speeding 10 or Less
06/26/2026 - Mendoza, Savanna Marie - Speeding 10 or Less
06/27/2026 - Satterwhite, Stacey Leeroy - Improper Left Turn at an Intersection
06/27/2026 - Satterwhite, Stacey Leeroy - Speeding 10 or Less
06/27/2026 - Boehs, R Douglas - Speeding 10 or Less
06/27/2026 - Hernandez, Samuel Isaiah - Speeding 10 or Less
06/27/2026 - Reynolds, Kyle Andrew - Speeding 10 or Less
06/27/2026 - Burdick, Creyson Luke - Speeding 10 or Less
06/27/2026 - Stephens, Truth Allen - Speeding 10 or Less
06/27/2026 - Ringer, David Clancy - Speeding 11-15
06/27/2026 - Isbell, Melody Myers - Speeding 10 or Less
06/27/2026 - Behne, Jerry Dean - Speeding 10 or Less
06/28/2026 - Murphy, Stephanie Lee - Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State
06/28/2026 - Shoemaker, Sharon Elaine - Failure to Pay Taxes Due to State
06/28/2026 - Parrish, Carter Lee - Speeding 10 or Less

INCIDENTS:

06/24/26 - Property Damage at Eagle Mart, dented pump cover

Scam Report: A Hennessey resident reported losing \$490 after responding to a fraudulent Facebook advertisement for an apartment rental. After sending the payment, the victim visited the apartment complex and learned it does not accept online rental requests, confirming the listing was a scam. A police report was filed so the victim could provide documentation to his bank.

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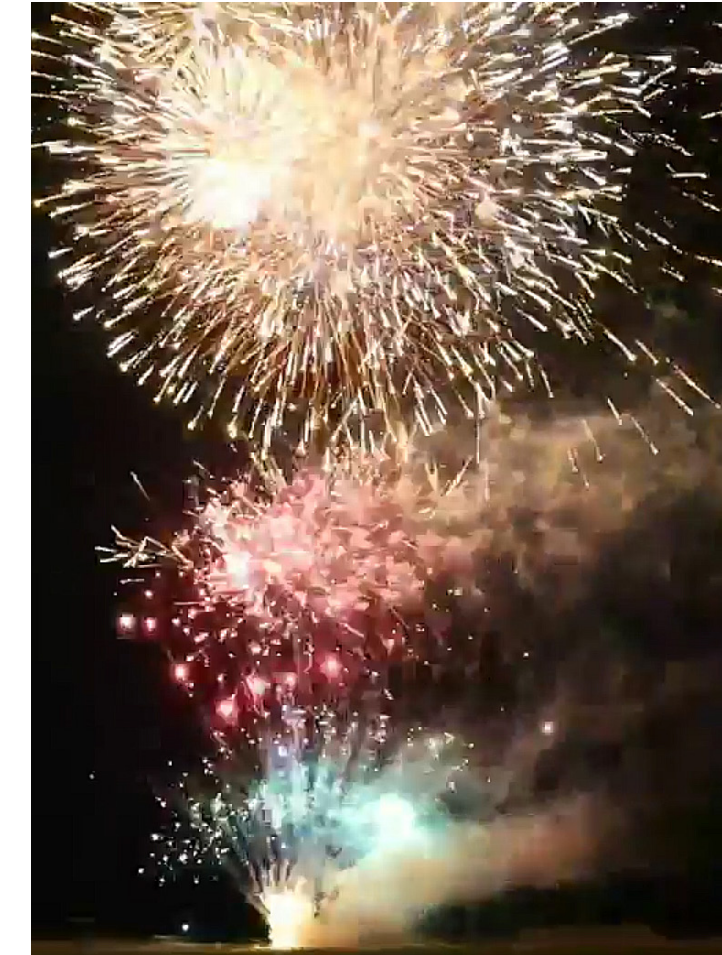
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★ 250
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Hennessey Round Up
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SCHEDULE
★ SIGN IN - 5PM-7PM
★ DRIVERS MEETING 7:30PM
★ HOT LAPS 8PM
★ RACING TO FOLLOW ★

OUTLAW EARNINGS

Young Guns Trophy Class	Stock Flat 1st- \$500 2nd- \$300 3rd- \$100	500 1st- \$1,000 2nd- \$500 3rd- \$200
Junior 1 1st- \$400 2nd- \$200 3rd- \$100	Stock Appearing CAGE 1st- \$500 2nd- \$300 3rd- \$100	250 1st- \$1,000 2nd- \$500 3rd- \$200
Junior 3 1st- \$400 2nd- \$200 3rd- \$100	Stock Appearing Flat 1st- \$500 2nd- \$300 3rd- \$100	Non-Wing 1st- \$500 2nd- \$300 3rd- \$100

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STORMY NIGHT BRINGS DAMAGE, LIGHTNING STRIKE

Severe thunderstorms swept through the Hennessey area Friday evening, June 26, bringing wind gusts up to 70 mph and prompting a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for parts of Kingfisher County.

The Hennessey Fire Department activated its storm command and responded with police to several incidents after the storm, including a downed power line near Conoco Road and Cemetery Road and a lightning strike at the Hennessey Care Center. Firefighters found the strike had overheated an electrical coil, causing smoke inside the building. After disconnecting the source and inspecting the facility, crews determined the building was safe.

As the storm moved east, a fireworks display south of Hennessey illuminated the night sky alongside towering storm clouds and frequent lightning, creating a memorable scene witnessed by residents across the area. Photos by AAH Jack Quirk



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesday, July 1

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, July 2

HENNESSEY FREEDOM FEST

12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe
6 – 6:30pm Rubber Duck Race
Fundraiser Hennessey Swimming Pool

Friday, July 3

Town Hall, and Library Closed

Saturday, July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY
BANKS ARE CLOSED

Monday, July 6

Kingfisher County Commissioners
Regular Meeting 101 S Main St,
Kingfisher

Tuesday, July 7

4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club
Hennessey Public Library

Wednesday, July 8

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, July 9

12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe

Friday, July 10

Wrestling Camp @ Kingfisher

Saturday, July 11

Wrestling Camp @ Kingfisher

Monday, July 13

Hennessey Baseball Camp 9am
Kingfisher County Comm Regular
Meeting 101 S Main St Kingfisher
Baseball Camp (ages 7-12)
4:30 – 5:30pm Library Board
7 – 8pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

Hennessey Baseball Camp 9am
Baseball Camp (ages 7-12)
4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club
Hennessey Public Library
6 – 7pm Hennessey Town Board
Meeting

Wednesday, July 15

Food Bank open 4-6

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, July 16

12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe

Friday, July 17

10am Library opens late (in-house
training)

Monday, July 20

Kingfisher County Comm Regular
Meeting 101 S Main St Kingfisher

Tuesday, July 21

Mason Meeting at Coronado Lodge
4 – 5pm
Teen Funtivities Club
Hennessey Public Library

Wednesday, July 22

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, July 23

9 – 10am Substitute Training at
Hennessey Schools
12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe

Saturday, July 25

OUTLAW GO KART RACES

Sunday, July 26

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 5-6pm

ARTSY ADVENTURES by Bonny Flesher



Transitions by Bonny Flesher

This last week, I was fortunate to be part of an artsy group on an outing, or maybe “adventure” would be a better choice of words. We didn’t paint this week. Instead, we headed to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City to visit the Prix de West exhibit. It did not disappoint!

We wandered through artwork submitted by about 100 artists from across the nation. We spent most of the day exploring each piece, critiquing, studying, and just standing in wonder. I already knew I was in good company with this group of local artists who each possessed a wealth of knowledge in their own right. We talked about depth, design, composition, and so much more. Many of the paintings were meant to be viewed from across the room rather than up close. We got up close! I tried to absorb

every bit of knowledge they shared.

But there were a few things I learned about this independent bunch of country ladies.

First of all, I came across a group of preschoolers as they walked through the exhibit. I tried to ask one little girl about their matching T-shirts. She politely put her finger to her lips and shushed me. I guess they had been told to use their quiet voices!

Before this, we had driven up to the entrance and noticed cones blocking the main drive to the front doors. We needed to get one of our

ladies closer to the entrance, so we decided to move the cones so we could pull up to the door. It worked really well until we went to unload the rolling walker. Since the driveway was on a hill, that walker decided to start rolling down it. I’m sure it was entertaining to watch four ladies wrangling a runaway walker!

We enjoyed lunch in the museum café. Before entering the exhibit, we tucked our water bottles inside our purses. After spending hours admiring the beautiful artwork, I took a little detour from the group. I got lost while exploring more art and history. My phone rang, and a familiar voice asked, “Where are you?” I made my way back to the front entrance, where I found my ladies sitting and waiting.

They confessed that one of them had pulled out her water bottle, at which point a very nice museum employee kindly explained that no food or drinks were allowed in the exhibit area. I...I...I wondered if I should have stayed with that preschool group.

While our designated driver went to retrieve the vehicle, we had to move the cones again so the truck could pull up the hill. Everything went smoothly as we loaded our 89-year-old friend and tucked the walker into the back.

Remember that nice man? Well, he reappeared.

He certainly earned his paycheck that day. We were gently reprimanded for moving the cones. He explained that we should have simply asked him for help. I couldn’t help but think, “Sir, this bunch doesn’t ask for help when they’re perfectly capable of doing it themselves!”

Of course, we even had one lady hiding in the bushes, waiting to move the cones back after our getaway.

So, if you ever visit the museum and need to unload someone at the front door, make sure you find the nice man. Tell him a bunch of country ladies said he’d be happy to help you.

You can take the country ladies to the big city, but you can’t take the country out of the ladies.

We drove home filled with inspiration to paint, wonderful memories, and just a few mischievous adventures.



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