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TWO TOWN BOARD SEATS HEADED TO SPECIAL ELECTION

Hennessey voters will get to decide who fills two open seats on the Town Board this November.

Trustees approved Resolution 2026-02 calling for a special election to fill the two spots. The special election will be held along with the November general election.

Anyone interested in running won't have long to decide.

Candidate filing will be held Monday, August 24 through Wednesday, August 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

With two seats up for grabs, the election will give Hennessey residents a chance to choose two of the people who will help make decisions for the town.

HENNESSEY WANTS TO KEEP MITCHELL ROAD PROJECT ROLLING



Hennessey has made a lot of progress on South Mitchell Road, and town officials don't want to stop now.

Trustees approved applying for another Municipal Road Drilling Activity Fund grant for Phase 3 of the project.

The town will be responsible for at least 25% of the project cost and plans to complete the work within a year if the grant is awarded.

Phases 1 and 2 are almost finished. The next goal is to finish the southern section of Mitchell Road toward Conoco. If funding allows, crews would then begin working north toward the school. The long-term plan is to keep moving north and eventually complete the improvements out to Highway 51.

As the project gets closer to the school, town officials also want to talk with the school about possible underground drainage.

Trustees unanimously approved the grant application, keeping the Mitchell Road project moving forward.



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TOWN RENEWS ADMINISTRATOR TIFFANY ROWEN'S CONTRACT

Hennessey Town Administrator Tiffany Rowen will continue in her role after trustees voted to renew her annual contract with the Town of Hennessey.

The vote came after trustees returned from executive session. Before the vote, Rowen received some positive feedback from the board.

"Tiffany, I think you're doing a good job," Mayor Randy Bohnstedt said. "I think we're headed in a good direction, and I appreciate all your hard work."

Trustees unanimously approved the renewal.

The board also cleared up some confusion about why Rowen's contract comes up for renewal each year. Rowen works under both the Town of Hennessey and the Hennessey Utility Authority.

The Utility Authority can enter into a longer-term employment contract, while the town's municipal government is limited to a one-year agreement. Because of that, the town portion of Rowen's contract must be renewed each year.

Her separate Utility Authority contract remains in place through 2028.

Officials said there were no changes to Rowen's pay with the renewal.

WATER SYSTEM PROJECT MOVES CLOSER TO NEW EQUIPMENT

Work continues on Hennessey's reverse osmosis water system, with a new unit expected to arrive soon.

During the Hennessey Utility Authority meeting, trustees approved pay application request No. 2 from Worth Hydrochem for Phase 2 of the RO membrane replacement project.

Alyssa Kubat Director of Public Works said the project is not finished yet, but the pad for the new equipment is moving along. The new unit is expected to arrive and be set in place within the next couple of weeks.

During the work, crews found some voids underneath the area. Those were filled to help make the base more solid before the new equipment is installed.

The project is being funded through the Series 2021 debt service construction loan administered through Bank First.

Trustees voted to approve the payment request and keep the project moving forward.

MORE POWER MAY BE COMING TO MEMORIAL PAVILION

The John Deutchendorf Memorial Pavilion needs electricity, but Hennessey trustees want to make sure they plan for more than just today.

The town received a quote to install 100-amp electrical service at the pavilion. During the meeting, trustees questioned whether it would make more sense to go ahead with 200-amp service. The reason is pretty simple: events can use a lot of electricity. Trustees talked about vendors, cooking equipment and other activities all needing power at the same time. In the past, too many vendors plugged into outlets at Memorial Park have caused breakers to trip.

The pavilion is already expected to be used during Mistletoe Magic, and officials hope even more community events will use it in the future.

They also want the electrical box to be secure and the system designed so it can still be used if the pavilion is enclosed someday. Instead of approving the current quote, trustees tabled the item until next month while they look at the larger electrical service.

STURGILL JOINS HENNESSEY LIBRARY BOARD

The Hennessey Library Board has a new member. Town trustees voted to appoint Stacy Sturgill to the board during their regular meeting.

Sturgill will serve a term ending in 2029. The appointment was approved unanimously by the Town Board.



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TOWER MONKEYS TAKE TO THE HENNESSEY WATER TOWER

It's not every day you see someone hanging out 170 feet above Hennessey.

Tuesday morning, Aug. 11, Tyson Brack and Shea Winebruner with Chickasha Communications made the long climb to the top of the Hennessey water tower to repair a communications antenna.



Johnathan Brenner, who provided ground support for the crew, explained that the antenna had been bent and was no longer perfectly straight. The climbers made their way to the top to properly clamp and straighten the antenna.

The antenna is used for communications by the Hennessey Police and Fire departments and is also sometimes used by the Kingfisher County Sheriff's Department when deputies are working in the northern part of the county. Keeping the antenna perfectly vertical helps ensure it performs properly.

Tower work isn't for those afraid of heights. Specialized climbers are trained to work hundreds of feet above the ground using safety harnesses, rigging and multiple tie-off points while climbing and making repairs.

For Brack and Winebruner, 170 feet is just another day at the office. For the rest of us, watching from the ground works just fine. Photo by AAH Jack Quirk

HENNESSEY WATER WARS RETURNS WITH MORE TRUCKS, MORE WATER AND MORE FUN



Hennessey has officially been warned. Water Wars returns **Wednesday, August 12 from 6 - 8 pm**, and this year even more fire departments are joining the fun.

Firefighters from Dover, Loyal, Omega, Waukomis, Pioneer and Marshall will join the Hennessey Fire Department, meaning plenty of fire trucks and plenty of water will be rolling through town.

The event also gives area departments a chance to work together through mutual aid, the system rural fire departments use to assist neighboring communities during large fires and emergencies.

Tankers will be staged along Oak Street between Kansas and Nebraska, so expect extra fire department activity in the area.

A few rules will help keep the fun safe: Stay out of the street and never chase or run alongside fire trucks. Water balloons should contain water only, with no ice or frozen balloons. Please respect homes and property along the route and pick up broken balloons and trash afterward.

Fill the water guns, get the balloons ready and make a plan. Water Wars is coming August 12, and Hennessey has officially been warned!





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THE MUSIC OF FALL

by **Bonny Flesher**

There's a song called "The Boys of Fall." It's played a lot at football games, but I want to put a little twist on it. Today, I'm writing about the music of fall: the band.

I can't imagine a football game without the band.

I like to get up early and get out in my yard before the heat of the day sets in. Truthfully, I don't really work in my yard. I piddle! As the summer days pass by, we start to see the seasons change, and so do the sounds I hear. Long before we attend that first football game, there's practice. Not only for the football team, but also for the band. Soon, we'll enjoy the playing of the National Anthem, and fight songs will fill the air in celebration and set the rhythm for Friday nights.



Picture L to R Savannah Langford, Metro Arite, Brantley Johnson, Vanessa Gomez, Dania Garcia and Blake Snow.

Now, I wasn't a band kid, but I can still see my classmates flooding into the girls' restroom just before the first bell. They were pulling off bread bags they had tied up with rubber bands to protect their shoes from the heavy dew. Shower caps came off, with rollers falling out to reveal curls underneath. I'm pretty sure they rolled out of bed, checked the weather, and then added whatever gear they needed to protect themselves from Mother Nature's morning wrath.

As I water my flowers, I begin to hear the sounds of band practice across my neighborhood. I don't have to see them to know what they're up to. I get to enjoy the music floating through the air, and it brings back memories from my own school days.

But here's the deal. No matter what, they came together for a cause. They showed up prepared to blow their horns in unison. They not only knew their own parts, they learned how their parts worked with everyone else's so the notes came together in harmony.

There were commands to learn from their fearless leader. They marched in step together, and they enjoyed it! They worked until they were all able to move and play in unison.

It takes all of them.

We could probably all use a little band camp and take something from their playbook!



Kingfisher band hamburger stand at the Kingfisher car show.

Then the games start, and all that hard work suddenly looks effortless.

The Kingfisher band starts its morning practice at 7:45 each day. They have already started putting together their halftime show, which will feature hits by Michael Jackson. Beginning August 11, they will also practice

from 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday evening.

There will be several band competitions this fall, and the students have been busy fundraising, something they'll continue throughout the year. They also have an amazing opportunity ahead of them: marching in the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade during spring break.

The Kingfisher band has about 40 students and is led by band director Mandy Owens.



Blake Snow and his little sister, Violet Snow, flagging yards for the Fourth of July band fundraiser.

If you live close to the school and you're out working in your yard, or maybe just sitting on the porch with the day's first cup of coffee, listen closely. You'll hear the sound of hard work and determination coming from a group of young people preparing for another season.

And if you ask me, it's one of the best sounds of fall.

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HENNESSEY SCHOOLS UPDATE AI POLICY, HIRE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

The Hennessey Board of Education approved changes to its middle school and high school handbooks Monday, Aug. 10, including a revised policy addressing student use of artificial intelligence, or AI.

High School Principal Josh Faulkner told the board the district is seeing increased use of AI by students and expects that trend to continue. The updated policy is designed to give students some leniency on a first offense while also educating them about the proper use of the technology.

"We want to kind of attack it, but also be a little lenient with the kids and not count it towards academic misconduct, their first offense because of how easy it is to use," Faulkner said.

Under the revised policy, a student's first AI-related offense will essentially serve as a warning and will not be treated as academic misconduct. A second offense, however, will be handled under the district's regular academic misconduct policy, as will additional violations.

Faulkner said the district saw AI use increase as the school year progressed last year.

During the discussion, Board President, Dr. James Matousek also stressed the importance of educating parents about AI and the issues surrounding its use by students.

The high school attendance policy was also adjusted. Previously, three tardies counted as an absence and resulted in lunch detention. Under the new policy, three tardies will still equal an absence, but the automatic lunch detention will be eliminated.

Faulkner said he and Coach Cox will instead focus on repeat offenders, with stronger consequences possible when tardiness becomes excessive.

Personnel matters also made up a portion of Monday night's meeting.

Board members approved hiring Tori Lott on a temporary contract as a special education teacher for the 2026-27 school year.

Elementary School Principal Barry Crosswhite expressed enthusiasm about bringing Lott to the district, noting her local connection and accomplishments.

"Somebody in our community that's done well. It's great to have her," Crosswhite said. "She's working hard."

Lott is a 2015 Hennessey High School graduate and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Western Governors University in June 2026.

Several changes to extra-duty assignments were also approved.

Ashley Osland will continue to manage the district's student information system, which tracks student testing and identification numbers, attendance, tardies, enrollment and other information. The board changed compensation for that responsibility from the hourly arrangement used last year to a flat fee.

Doug Boyd was also removed from the assistant cross-country extra-duty assignment. The board also discussed the Hennessey FFA program's trip to the 2026 National FFA Convention before completing its agenda and adjourning.

2026 HHS FOOTBALL PREVIEW

by Voice of the Eagles

Crisp, cool autumn days may feel like "football weather," but it's 100-degree afternoons under the blistering August sun that signal football season is upon us.

Hennessey Eagles Football 2026 got underway this past Monday with the opening of fall practice at the Eagles' football complex.

Coming off a 7-4 2025 season, finishing district play in 2nd place at 6-1, this year's Eagles look to build on that success with an even better 2026 campaign.

Though the Hennessey Eagles remain in Oklahoma Class 2All-District 1, OSSAA football realignment and redistricting shuffled the district and affected previous non-district scheduling. For the first time in decades, Hennessey and Chisholm are not district opponents, but instead will open the season week-0 at Eagles Stadium on August 28 before traveling to Thomas to play the Terriers the first Friday in September, before returning home to finish the non-district schedule with the Perry Maroons.

Gone from this season's district are Kellyville, Luther, Stroud, and Casady; adding Christian Heritage, Millwood, Community Christian, and previous Class A power Cashion to the district with Alva, Meeker, and Newkirk. Having lost only 2 starters from last season, TE/DE/K Luis Macias-Montoya and DE David Gonzalez, the 2026 Eagles return a very veteran group on both sides of the ball.

Senior dual-threat Quarterback Levi Ferrell, who accounted for ~2,000 yards and 26 Touchdowns passing and rushing last season in his first year as a starter, looks to push those numbers to an '09 Matt Leutjen-"esque" 1500 yards passing/1500 yards rushing, if all goes as planned.

Senior Mario Lopez and Junior Alex Gonzalez combined for over 1000 yards and 9 TDs rushing in '25 and will once again be the 2-headed beast at Running Back.

Beau Vinson finished his Sophomore season with a career-best 222 yards (2nd most single game in HHS history) and 4 TDs (tied for most ever) receiving in the playoff opening round game versus Dibble. Vinson was also 2nd in tackles in 2025 with 54 (35 solos), adding 1 interception and 1 fumble recovery.

The offensive skill positions all return, less one TE, with big expectations from Hagan Copeland, whose '25 season ended early with a collar bone, and Sophomore Brytan Gardner, who'll impact the offense both on the ground and through the air.

The best news of all, and perhaps for the first time ever, this season's Eagles return 100% of their starting offensive line. (Sr) Ricardo Perez, (Jr) Tyson Root, (Sr) Tryson Sturgill, (Sr) Kaleb Peach, and (Jr) Titan Root, who combined for 101 pancake blocks in 11 games last season, once again look to steam-roll any defensive front-7 they will face.

The Eagles Defense will be anchored by Middle Linebacker (Jr) Jameson Ladwig, who led the team with 91 Tackles (61 Solos) and 4 QB Sacks as a Sophomore.

Incoming Freshmen Raiden Briley on the D-line and German Martinez at Receiver could have significant impacts for the Eagles, as well.

Pre-season kicks off for the Eagles on Saturday, August 15 at 10 am with the annual Blue/White Scrimmage before traveling to Watonga for a scrimmage on Friday, August 21.

Perez Comes Home to Begin Banking Career



Hennessey graduate joins Community State Bank after earning business degree

For many young people growing up in a small town, graduating means leaving home for college and often beginning a career somewhere else.

For Hennessey native **Alan Perez**, leaving town was part of the plan.

Coming home was, too.

Perez recently joined Community State Bank in Hennessey after graduating from the University of Central Oklahoma with a degree in business management.

A 2022 Hennessey High School graduate, Perez attended Hennessey Public Schools from pre-K through his senior year. He played football from fifth grade through high school and competed in powerlifting from seventh grade through graduation. He also took up golf his senior year, a hobby he continues today.

At UCO, Perez's longtime interest in numbers initially had him considering finance or accounting, but his outgoing personality eventually led him toward business management.

"I've always been a fan of numbers," Perez said. "But I'm also a people person. I like talking to people."

Perez's path back home began during his junior year of college when he spoke with Community State Bank about employment opportunities. That led to a summer position at the Hennessey bank. During his senior year, he worked at the bank's Cashion location, gaining experience as a teller and learning the lending side of banking.

After earning his degree, Perez could have pursued opportunities in the Oklahoma City metro, but instead chose to return home.

"I just wanted to be a part of this community," Perez said. "At some of those bigger banks, you just don't get as close to your customers as you do here."

For Perez, that personal connection is what makes community banking appealing.

"Here, it's more about helping people," he said. "That's what I like to do. I like to help people and make dreams come true."

Perez hopes his new position is the beginning of a long banking career, right here in Hennessey.

MEET KAREN

Celebrating Every Victory
Ask **Karen Hernandez** what success looks like, and she probably won't mention a job title.

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For one person, it may be landing a new career. For another, it could be creating a resume, gaining confidence, or simply making it through an interview they were nervous to attend.

Karen believes all of those wins are worth celebrating. One success story that has stuck with her is Robby Damron's.

Robby completed the Work Ready workshop in August 2025, and afterward, the team helped him enroll in CDL training. Through one of Work Ready's community partners, they learned about an opening for a CDL driver. Robby was hired as a temporary employee and, after 90 days, was offered a full-time position. He's still there today.

Then Robby sent someone else Work Ready's way, his wife, Autumn.

She completed the workshop in May and has since found a full-time remote position.

Seeing both Robby and Autumn find success through the program is something Karen hasn't forgotten.

For anyone who's considered Work Ready but may be a little nervous about taking that first step, Karen has some pretty simple advice:

"Do it afraid."

It's one of the mottos they teach at Work Ready. You don't have to walk through the door with everything figured out. You just have to be willing to walk through it.

Outside of work, Karen enjoys baking and was born in Mexico. And according to her coworkers, she's also been voted "Most Likely to Be Late."

We'll give her a pass... as long as she brings whatever she's been baking.

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Ronnie Madsen Obituary

An informal time of gathering, eating, and storytelling honoring the life of Ronnie Madsen will be at 6:00 PM Saturday August 15, 2026, at The Gathering Place 6067 Madison St. Hennessey, Oklahoma.

Ronnie was born in Enid on October 21, 1953 to Dorian "Tate" and Eunice Wilson Madsen and died July 21, 2026, Northwest of Hennessey.

Ronnie graduated from Hennessey High School in 1971 and farmed and ranched in the Hennessey area for many years.

Ronnie is survived by one daughter Jade Janssen of Waukomis, two grandchildren one sister Deborah Madsen of Stillwater, and three nieces and nephews.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation arrangements are by Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home.



Carolyn K. Humphries

The funeral for Carolyn K. Humphries, 76, of Dover, will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Dover Christian Church officiated by Wendell Prim.

Burial will follow at New Home Cemetery under the direction of Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home.

Carolyn was born in Wilson on Feb. 23, 1950, to Albert Carl and Melba Cantwell McMillen and died Friday, Aug. 7, 2026, at Mercy Hospital Kingfisher.

She married Jerry Woodrow Humphries in Dover on June 25, 1969. Carolyn worked in the Dover School cafeteria for many years and is fondly remembered by former students.

She loved gardening, especially her flowers and tomato plants. Carolyn also loved animals and was known to take in many stray dogs, feed them, nurture them and find them forever homes.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry, of the home; daughter Angie Kubat and husband Brian of Dover; son Jerry Wayne Humphries and wife Priya of Dover; seven grandchildren, Christopher Kubat, Alyssa Kubat (wife Ruby), Alex Woodring, Journee Swenn (husband Trenton), Saydee, Tatum and Truett Humphries; and two great-grandchildren, Knoxyn and Landry Swenn.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, son Garry Humphries, daughter Trisha Yost and four brothers.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to SPCA with the funeral home serving as custodian of the fund



Nina Lavon Collums Obituary

The funeral for Nina Lavon Collums, 78 will be at 11:00 AM Saturday August 15, 2026 at Dover Christian Church officiated by Jimmy Berkenbile. Burial will follow at Dover Cemetery under the direction of Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home.

Nina was born in Okeene on May 29, 1948 to Johnny and Rosalie Schuber Tice and died Wednesday August 5, 2026 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Nina married Donnie Collums in Dover September 30, 1966.

She was an administrative assistant at Dover Public Schools and was a true Longhorn fan. Nina was a member of Dover Christian Church and the Dover Alumni Association.

She is survived by one son Brian Collums and wife Melissa of Tuttle, five grandchildren Zachary Collums, Zoe Collums, Calin Zearley, Jacob Zearley, Hunter Crick, ten great-grandchildren, one brother Johnny "Slugger" Tice, one sister Lexia Tice, and many nieces and nephews.

Nina was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Donnie Collums.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers that donations be made in her name to the Dover Public School Foundation.



HIGH PROTEIN CHOCOLATE LAVA CAKE OR BITES: by the OKSEASONED SISTERS

Back to school = after school snacks! Well, that's where our thoughts are at least. While this could absolutely be an after school snack option (especially as mini muffins), it's a great snack/dessert option for anyone looking for a healthier way to get a chocolate fix. Especially for those of you needing to watch your sugar intake. Late night cravings? Got you covered. Kids obsessed with chocolate but already consumed 187 grams of sugar and only 13 grams of protein all day? Try this recipe that has 400 calories (in the entire batch!) and 43 grams of protein!

High protein chocolate lava cake or bites:

8oz cottage cheese
2 eggs
2 Tbsp powdered Stevia
3 Tbsp cocoa powder
1 tsp vanilla
Sprinkle of cinnamon
Pinch of salt

Dark chocolate chips (we let our taste buds lead us here lol you could add a little handful or a whole lot depending on your preference)



Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Blend cottage cheese until smooth (we used a very small blender/food processor sorta thing and blended it until we could see no more cottage cheese chunks)

Mix all ingredients in an oven safe bowl.

*We recommend saving the chocolate chips to sprinkle on top then give your pan or bowl a little jiggle to let 'em settle in a bit instead of mixing them into the batter completely because they'll most likely sink to the bottom.

Bake in the same oven safe bowl you mixed in for 33 to 35 minutes OR in mini muffin tins for 12 minutes.

*You don't have to spray the glass bowl but we did spray the mini muffin

tin with Pam cooking spray. Even with the pan being sprayed, they're not the kind of muffins you can just flip the pan to dump out. Let the muffins cool in the pan for a few minutes then spoon them out onto a cooling rack.

We had a little taste test with ourselves, our mom and our kids - our kids that live at home that is - Summer's oldest just said "I

do" and is living his own life but we can't even digress into that right now because feelings soooo... let's move on to the results of the taste test! - 2/4 kids weren't sure about the texture.

Clare (17 years old) did say she liked the taste fine either way but the texture of the mini muffins were better than the cake in the bowl.

Arlo (2.75 years old) didn't have anything nice to say about any of it but we're pretty sure that's because he couldn't get over the texture... or that we wouldn't let him hold it himself. #threenager haha

Silas (6 years old) gave two thumbs up and went back for seconds!

Lenox (2 years old) was the biggest fan out of the kids and kept sneaking more right off the counter.

Mom is the one giving Lenox competition lol but she does prefer it as a cake in a bowl to the mini muffins - but just barely.

Both okseasonedsisters preferred it as mini muffins and plan to try different sweetener options later because we're sure there are some changes that could be made to make it yummiier (read: sweeter/more conventional) buuut they'd also make it less diabetic-friendly... i.e. swapping stevia for maple syrup or honey or just actual granulated sugar since the recipe stressed powdered sweetener) If you're unfamiliar with stevia you might think it has a "weird" kinda taste/aftertaste like artificial sweeteners tend to those that eat actual sugar on the regular but it's not unbearable, just different. If you are familiar, you probably won't even think twice about it. With the stevia, our diabetic mom has been able to indulge without spiking her blood sugar! So, that's a definite win!

Something to consider: sweetness is relative. Be mindful about what you're eating and drinking with or leading up to having the snack with a sugar substitute. Also consider that there are multiple artificial sweetener options available for you to use. Just be sure that you choose the powdered option of your sweetener of choice.

To make it an after school win for you and your kids - try serving it alongside a salty snack like pretzels or cheese and crackers to make the healthy cake seem sweeter.

Good luck with this and all the madness that is Back to School!

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-HENNESSEY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER-

522 AMBULANCE BOARD HITS A ROADBLOCK

The newly formed Hennessey 522 Ambulance District Board hit an unexpected legal roadblock Wednesday night, August 5, after learning the five-member board was not properly constituted under state law.

“Put the brakes on everything,” attorney Jana Knott told board members during the Aug. 5 meeting at the Hennessey Fire Station.

Knott explained that because the Hennessey school district extends into Garfield County, at least one member of the ambulance district board must live in that county. Currently, all five appointed members live in Kingfisher County.

This is because of the boundaries of the Hennessey school district, which cover approximately 243 square miles and include the Bison and Marshall areas of Garfield County. Because the June 16 election creating the 522 Ambulance District included voters throughout the school district, Garfield County residents must also have representation on the board.

Kingfisher County District 2 Commissioner Mike Sparks, who appointed the board members last month, said he was unaware of the requirement and apologized for the oversight. Sparks said he plans to appoint a Garfield County resident as soon as possible.

He also indicated another appointment may be made involving someone who lives within the Hennessey town limits to balance the board.

The group had already held two meetings, elected officers and begun the process of organizing the new district. Knott said some of those actions may now have to be repeated once the board is legally constituted, including the vote to hire her as the district’s attorney.

When members discussed continuing with Wednesday night’s agenda, Knott advised them they could not take official action until the board was properly established.

That put several organizational items on hold, including bonding board members, obtaining a post office box and establishing a bank account. Funding is another immediate challenge. The new district will not begin receiving revenue from the voter-approved ad valorem tax until January 2027, leaving it without operating funds during the startup period. Knott suggested Kingfisher County could retain her temporarily to help complete the legal work necessary to get the district established. The board is expected to meet again at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the Hennessey Fire Station.



Attorney Jana Knott, of Oklahoma City (seated on the right) addresses the Hennessey 522 board.

POLICE REPORT JULY 31 - AUGUST 7, 2026

07/31/2026 Scott, Tameka Monique
\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
07/31/2026 Bentry, Monicca None
\$227.00 Speeding 16-20
08/03/2026 Wakefield, David
Christopher \$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/03/2026 Gabli, Jill \$185.00
Speeding 10 or less
08/04/2026 Adwan, Yousif None
\$227.00 Speeding 16-20
08/04/2026 Kingery, Daniel Jacob
\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/05/2026 Acota, Roxie Ann \$197.00
Failure to stop at stop sign
08/06/2026 Hartman, Hattie Leah
\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/06/2026 Benitez, Landon Lopez
\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/06/2026 Meier, Lagan Thrasher
\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/07/2026 Simmons, Holden Michael
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07/31/2026 Vitug, Bernard Placido
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\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/01/2026 Decocq, Jeffery Douglas
\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/01/2026 Flowers, Dillon Michael
\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/01/2026 Barajas, Timothy Brian
\$350.00 Improper driving; Speeding 10
or less
08/01/2026 Roberts, Jack Logan
\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/02/2026 Guerrero, Daniel Alejandro
\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/03/2026 Bergley, Ethan Scott
\$185.00 Speeding 10 or less
08/03/2026 Collins, Brendan Patrick
\$212.00 Speeding 11-15
08/03/2026 McMillin, Payden Bradley
\$90.00 Improper equipment (improper
light other than head)
08/03/2026 Garcia, Matthew John
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08/04/2026 Mejia, Jaime Regalado
\$377.00 Speeding 11-15; Improper
driving

The Hennessey Police Department reported 137 total
calls and traffic stops for the week

CALLS FOR SERVICE
Police responded to 49 calls for service
during the reporting period.
23 Business/Residence Checks
3 Livestock Calls
3 Solicitor Calls
2 911 Hang-Ups
2 Animal Calls
2 Debris on Roadway
2 Motorist Assists
1 911 Open Line

1 Break-In
1 Check Area
1 Check Subject
1 Domestic
1 Follow-Up
1 Fraud
1 Motor Vehicle Accident
1 Open Door
1 Public Assist
1 Receive Information
1 Reckless Driver

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AUGUST 21
& 22
STARTS @8PM

Rodeo

OPEN
EVENTS

MUTTON BUSTIN \$20
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RANCH BRONC \$100
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BREAKAWAY ROPING \$100
CALF ROPING \$100
KIDS-CALF SCRAMBLE
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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesday, August 12

**Hennessey Fire Department
Water Wars**

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime Library
4 – 6pm Food Bank Open First
United Methodist Church

Thursday, August 13

1st Day of School

12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe
1 – 3pm All-Sports Media Day
5 – 6pm JH Softball vs Blackwell (H)

Friday, August 14

5 – 6pm HS Softball vs Heritage Hall (A)

Saturday, August 15

10 – 11am HS Football Blue/White
Scrimmage
11:30am – 1pm Meet the Eagles

Monday, August 17

Kingfisher County Commissioners
Regular Meeting 101 S Main St
4:30 – 5:30pm JH Softball vs
Pioneer/Garber (H)
4:30 – 5:30pm JH/HS Volleyball vs
Am-Po (H)
5:30 – 6:30pm HS Softball vs
Waukomis (H)

Tuesday, August 18

Mason Meeting at Coronado Lodge
4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club
Hennessey Public Library
4 – 5pm JH Softball vs Waukomis (H)
5 – 6pm HS Softball vs Perry (A)

Wednesday, August 19

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime

Thursday, August 20

12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe
4:30 – 5:30pm JH Softball vs Fairview (H)
5 – 6pm HS Softball vs Ringwood (H)
5 – 6pm HS Volleyball vs Harding
Fine Arts (H)

Friday, August 21

OPEN RODEO (DAY 1/2)

HS Softball Cashion Tournament
6 – 7pm HS Football @ Watonga
(scrimmage)

Saturday, August 22

OPEN RODEO (DAY 2/2)

HS Softball Cashion Tournament
JH/HS Cross Country @ Kingfisher
Volleyball - Hennessey Tournament

Monday, August 24

Kingfisher County Commissioners
Regular Meeting 101 S Main St
4 – 5pm JH/HS Volleyball vs OBA (H)

Tuesday, August 25

Primary Runoff Election State-wide

4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club
Hennessey Public Library
4:30 – 5:30pm HS Volleyball vs
Cement (A)

Wednesday, August 26

10 – 11am Littlest Patron Playtime
4 – 6pm Food Bank Open
First United Methodist Church
5 – 6:30pm Band Instrument
Rental with Midwest Music

Thursday, August 27

HS Softball Hwy 81 Tournament
12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe
4 – 5pm HS Volleyball vs Corn Bible/Perkins
(H)
5 – 6:30pm Band Instrument
Rental with Palen Music

Friday, August 28

HS Softball Hwy 81 Tournament
Pre-Game Meal - Hosted by After
Prom
7 – 8pm HS Football vs Chisholm (H)

Saturday, August 29

HS Softball Hwy 81 Tournament

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