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THE ALL ABOUT HENNESSEY POST

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STUBBORN THREE-DAY FIRE KEEPS FIREFIGHTERS BUSY

For the third straight day, firefighters are battling a stubborn grass and brush fire west of Hennessey that continues to flare back up.

The fire started at approximately 11:30 p.m. Friday, August 21, near N2750 and E640 Road in northwestern Kingfisher County, about one mile west of Lacey and three miles south of Highway 51.

More than 10 fire departments from Kingfisher, Blaine and Major counties responded to the fire, including Hennessey, Dover, Loyal, Kingfisher, Cashion, Ames, Omega, Meno, Ringwood, Hitchcock and Okeene.

Crews worked through the night Friday to bring the fire under control, but rough terrain and sandy soil made the battle especially difficult. Several fire trucks became stuck while attempting to reach portions of the fire.

Kingfisher County District 2 Commissioner Mike Sparks brought in two graders and a dozer to cut fire lines and help free stuck trucks. Local resident Perry Cline also brought heavy equipment to assist crews.

Fortunately, no structures were involved and no injuries were reported.

Kingfisher County Emergency Management supported crews throughout the incident, while the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Hennessey Police Department assisted with traffic control.

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WATER, DATA CENTER CONCERNS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT KINGFISHER COUNTY MEETING

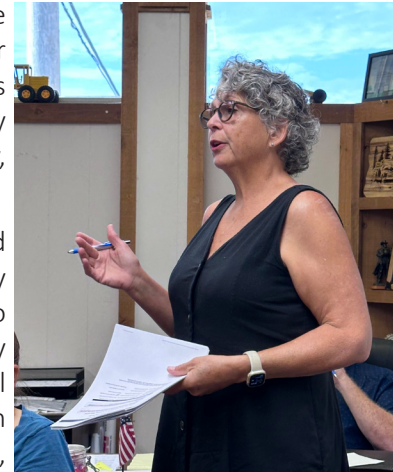
Water concerns and the possibility of large data center development brought residents to the Kingfisher County Commissioners meeting Monday, August 24.

Much of the discussion centered on a request by Logan County Rural Water District No. 2 to annex additional territory into its service area. Local farmers expressed concern about groundwater supplies, agricultural needs and whether an expanded water system could eventually serve large industrial developments. Several said wells, springs and ponds in the area are already struggling during dry conditions.

Representatives of the rural water district said the proposed expansion is intended to address residential growth around Cashion. The district reported requests from residents for service and said it is working to improve infrastructure, including a new booster station and plans for a larger water line across the Cimarron River.

Data center development also entered the discussion. Cloverleaf Infrastructure announced August 20 that it has secured options to purchase approximately 337 acres in Kingfisher County as another possible location connected to its proposed Project Open Sky development near Piedmont.

Commissioners ultimately tabled the rural water district annexation request for further review. A request was also made to place discussion of a possible moratorium for county planning and zoning research on next week's agenda.



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THREE - DAY FIRE Continued



But getting the fire under control Friday night was only the beginning.

Starting early Saturday morning, firefighters returned to the area several times as hot spots and flare-ups reignited. Crews spent much of Saturday working the fire, strengthening fire lines and keeping an eye on areas that continued to smolder.

By Sunday, the fire still wasn't finished.

Hennessey, Dover and Loyal firefighters have continued working across the fire site, along with Kingfisher County District 2 and Perry Cline, using dozers to cut additional fire breaks and help contain the stubborn blaze.

Local farmers have also stepped up, bringing water tanks to the scene to help keep firefighters and equipment supplied.

Crews were called back to the fire twice Sunday, and as this story was being written at 8 p.m., firefighters were once again dispatched to the area for additional flare-ups.

After three days of firefighters, graders, dozers, water tanks and countless hours of work, this fire just doesn't want to give up. Photos by AAN Jack Quirk



522 AMBULANCE BOARD MAKES PROGRESS

The Hennessey 522 Ambulance District continues working through the legal and organizational steps needed to get up and running.

Kingfisher County Commissioners voted to hire attorney Jana Knott to assist with establishing the district at their regular meeting, Monday, August 24. The 522 board had previously voted to hire Knott but currently has no working capital and is not expected to receive funding until January 2027. Until then, Knott will work for the county while assisting the district.

The board also learned it needs representation from the portion of Garfield County located within the Hennessey School District. None of the current five members live in that area.

To meet that requirement and maintain an odd number of voting members, Kingfisher County District 2 Commissioner Mike Sparks plans to appoint two additional members, expanding the board from five to seven seats. One of the new members will need to reside in the Garfield County portion of the district.



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LUAU AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER



The Golden Eagles brought a little tropical flair to their August gathering, turning their monthly meeting into a colorful Hawaiian-themed celebration.

The group met on the first Tuesday of the month and enjoyed a meal featuring pulled pork served with Hawaiian rolls, macaroni salad, coleslaw and coconut cake.

The tropical theme continued with decorations added by Shannon Miller and Thresa Helm, with help from Shirley Koons, Teresa Dillon and Pam Joseph. Their efforts helped transform the gathering space and add a festive island feel to the occasion.

Grass skirts were provided for a little extra fun, while colorful leis for the neck and wrist were handed out as guests arrived.

With good food, bright decorations and plenty of helping hands, the Golden Eagles enjoyed another fun opportunity to gather, visit and spend time together. photos by AAH Michael Noak





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ROLAND "Rod" NEIL MEANS OBITUARY

October 8, 1934 – August 24, 2026

Dad, Husband, Pops, Grandpa and Great Grandpa, Roland "Rod" Neil Means, passed peacefully on August 24, 2026, at the age of 91.

Rod was born to Francis Hobart, Sr. and Edna Marie (Bode) Means on the family farm in Newkirk, Oklahoma. He was raised and educated in Newkirk, graduating in 1952. While in high school, Rod was involved in the agriculture program showing sheep, pigs and cattle. He achieved the Junior Master Farmer during his senior year.

After graduation he began working in a packing house in Ark City, Kansas. Rod then entered the United States Army, serving his country from January 1954 to October 1955.

He married Suzanne in 1955 and to this union three children were born, Cindy, Brant and Bruce.

In July 1972, he married Gay and gained seven children, Suzanne, Sally, James, Sandra, John, Sara and Andy.

He worked in the oilfield for over 58 years as a tool pusher and contact man for oil rigs, worked for Calvert Exploration as a pumper, and later moved to Woodward, OK, where he opened and operated an oilfield supply company. In 1970, he returned to Hennessey to Kirkpatrick Oilfield Supply store as the Used Equipment Manager.

From 1976-1982, he operated Rodco Sales and then continued working in the oilfield industry for Dollar Trucking Company until his retirement in 2014. While working there, he also co-founded the Family Café in downtown Hennessey.

On January 1, 2006, he was united in marriage to Ramona Dennis Paine in the Waukomis Methodist Church. The wedding began on December 31, 2005, and concluded after midnight on the 1st.

After his retirement he worked part-time for a farmer in the Lacey-Ames area, also attending to his own cattle in the Lacey area. He enjoyed seeing baby calves running around the pasture in the fall and spring. He managed an over 100 cow/calf operation.

One of the highlights of his life was when he and his son, Andy, attended the Oklahoma Honor Flight to Washington, D. C., where the group toured the Korean and other war monuments in 2015.

He was a member of the Hennessey United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir. Rod was a part of the Pat Hennessey Celebration as a gunfighter and was also honored as a Grand Marshall and always in charge of selling Pat Hennessey belt buckles. Horses and the Hennessey Round Up Club were his passion. He served many years as President of the Club and enjoyed trail riding in the Kiamichi mountains of Oklahoma.

Surviving family includes his wife, Ramona, and children Cindy (Ronnie) Kerby, Brant (Deedra) Means, Bruce Means, Andy (Lynn) Means, Sally (Wayne Crump) Witzke, Sara (Trey) Fisher, John (Shelly) Streck, and James (Trish) Streck. He is also survived by 12 granddaughters and nine grandsons, as well as numerous great-grandchildren.

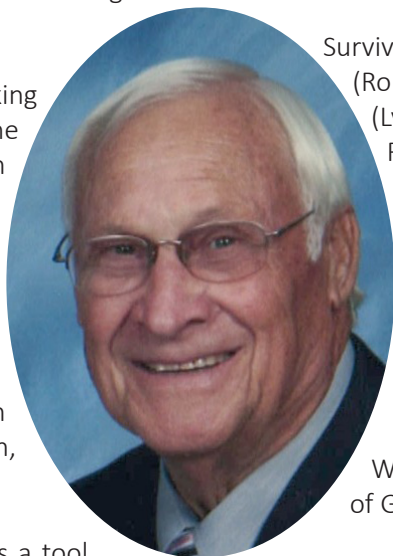
He is preceded in death by his mother, father, two sisters and four brothers, two daughters, Suzanne Choate and Sandra Hardin, as well as one grandson and one granddaughter.

We know that he will be welcomed into heaven as one of God's good and faithful servants.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Hennessey at 6:00 pm on September 19, 2026. A dinner will be held for family and friends in the Family Life Center from 4:00-6:00 pm, to share memories, celebrate his life, and honor the love he gave so freely. The services live streamed via Facebook at Hennessey First United Methodist Church.

Per his wishes, Rod will be cremated with a viewing at Brown-Cummings Funeral Home scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2026, from 3:00–7:00 p.m. The cremains will be buried at a later date in the Brumfield Cemetery in Seiling, OK, with a military footstone noting his military duty being placed at the foot of his grave.

Memorial contribution in Rod's name may be made to the ESA Foundation to the Ramona Paine and Rod Means Scholarship Fund. Contribution can be sent to 2580 E. Harmony Road, Suite #301-11, Fort Collins, CO 80528.



Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

DANA BEATTY OBITUARY

The memorial service for Dana Karol Beatty, 52 will be at 1:00 PM Saturday August 29, 2026, at First Baptist Church officiated by Rev. Shane Bennett and Jimmy Berkenbile. Services are under the direction of Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home.

Dana was born in Duncan on July 13, 1973, to Allan Dale "Butch" and Brenda Kay Morris Beatty and died Monday July 6, 2026, at Integris Bass Baptist Hospital in Enid.

Dana was a member of First Baptist Church and the Community Action Team. She was well known in the community as a great supporter of the Hennessey Eagles and the Oklahoma Sooners. Dana also loved her country and was very patriotic.

Everyone is encouraged to wear their Hennessey Eagle, or patriotic attire to the service.

Dana is survived by her mother Brenda Beatty of the home, one brother Karl Beatty and wife Denise of Guthrie, and aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father Butch Beatty.



PATRICIA LOUISE WYLIE COSPER OBITUARY

The funeral for Patricia Louise Wylie Cosper, 85 will be at 10:00 AM Friday August 21, 2026 at First United Methodist Church officiated by Rev. Sandra Shepherd. Burial will follow at Hennessey Cemetery under the direction of Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home. The casket will remain closed.

Pat was born in Fairfield, Illinois on April 3, 1941 to Maxwell Edgar and Mabel L. West Wylie and died Tuesday August 18, 2026, at Hennessey Care Center.

She married Donald Ray Cosper in McLeansboro, Illinois April 1, 1958. Pat was a hairdresser for many years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, and Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Pat is survived by one daughter Starla Fuksa of Hennessey, one son Blake Cosper and wife Janice of Nixa, Missouri; three grandchildren Teysa Donn Woodward and husband Robbie of Yukon, Cody Cosper, Katie Cosper, both of Nixa, Missouri; four great grandchildren Braelyn, and Samuel of Yukon, Taetym Ann, and Ayla Ruth of Olathe, Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her husband Don, two grandchildren Michael Bradyn Fuksa, Laryn Ann Fuksa, and one sister Peggy Ann Ruphard and husband Joe Dale.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the First United Methodist Church with the funeral home serving as custodian of the fund.



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2nd Grade- Ryann Hancock, Diego Duran, Sheyla Nunez
3rd Grade- Valeria Roman, Leah Frank, Aaron Medrano
4th Grade- Reagan Bellinger, Mateo Montes, Arabella Mcilwain,
Francisco Gaona



**HENNESSEY EAGLES GEAR UP FOR
SEASON OPENER**

The Hennessey High School football team traveled to Watonga on August 21, 2026, for a preseason scrimmage against the Watonga Eagles. Both teams came ready to compete, working hard on the field while identifying areas to sharpen up before the regular season begins.

The Hennessey Eagles are looking strong and ready to officially kick off their season next week! Hennessey will host Chisholm on Friday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. for the Eagles' home opener.

The Eagles are coached by Mark Cox, Nathan Hill, Matthew Fuksa, Logan Macy, Aaron Pitts and Chris Rapp.

Fans are encouraged to come out early and show their support! Before kickoff, Hennessey After Prom will host a pre-game tailgate meal featuring walking tacos, dessert and water, with proceeds benefiting After Prom.

Come hungry, fill the stands and help the Eagles kick off the season with plenty of hometown support! Photos by AAH Shelley Muzny



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2026

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Sophomore Attendant:
KEIRA "KJ" PENDERGRAFT

Junior Attendant:
JENTRY PRIBYL

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C'ANNA MARIN ♦ JANETH PRIETO

KING CANDIDATES:

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MARIO LOPEZ ♦ TRENTON BYRD
RICARDO PEREZ ♦ ESTEBAN BLANCO
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FINDING TUESDAY

by Bonny Flesher

Cindy Cochran of Okarche, Okla., and I have been friends for several years.

Our friendship started during my time working at Pioneer Telephone. I depended on Cindy to answer your cellphone questions! She made me look like I knew what I was talking about.

We were probably a few years into our adventures when, one day, I remember driving home from Hobby Lobby. What Cindy confided in me, I will never forget. I felt like she thought I would judge her.

She shared that in 1981, she was 17 years old and pregnant. Cindy spent her pregnancy at the Deaconess Home for unwed mothers. I noticed her voice changed, and the hurt ran deep! Cindy was missing a piece of her heart!

You see, Cindy gave her baby up for adoption. She knew she was doing what was best for her baby. She couldn't give the child the life she deserved. So Cindy crocheted her child some booties and wrote her a letter in hopes she would read it someday.

The day of signing the paperwork came. Cindy shared that was the hardest day of her life. Then the prayers came for 45 years!

The meaning of sacrificial love reads like this: an unconditional love and

commitment to put the needs, well-being and happiness of another person ahead of your own.

On the other side, the adoptive parents were Rev. Roy and Paula Duff.

Cindy went on to be a mom to four children. I have seen firsthand the love she puts into her kids and grands! But there's always been a missing piece of her heart, named Tuesday to her. The world knew the baby as Julie Duff.

Let's fast-forward to 2026. With the help of Cindy's children, they found a match through DNA and Ancestry. After many conversations and tears, they all agreed to meet in the parking lot where it all started 45 years ago.

I told Cindy, "Do not drive, and have someone else take pictures." Cindy is not a photographer!

When I mentioned this would be a wonderful story, I got everyone's approval to share. I asked Julie, aka Tuesday, to share what she would like the world to know about her part of this journey.

She sent me a response. I felt like you needed to read it in her own words! I couldn't do her journey justice.

Grab a tissue!



TOWN OF MARSHALL TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

The Town of Marshall will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Sept. 8, to consider approval of the town's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The hearing will begin at **6:30 p.m. at Marshall City Hall, 204 E. Main St., Marshall.**

According to the proposed budget summary, the town's finances are divided among four funds: the General Fund, Street & Alley Fund, Cemetery Fund and Enterprise Fund.

GENERAL FUND

The proposed General Fund begins with **\$41,632 in cash forward** and lists total available revenues of **\$148,356**.

Estimated General Fund revenues include \$92,385 in sales tax, \$619 in tobacco tax, \$4,167 in alcoholic beverage tax, \$9,263 in franchise tax, \$106 in interest and \$185 from other sources.

Proposed General Fund expenditures total **\$216,993**, including \$25,703 for personal services and \$191,290 for maintenance and operations.

STREET & ALLEY FUND

The Street & Alley Fund begins with **\$20,816 in cash forward**. Estimated revenue includes \$1,706 from commercial vehicle tax and \$567 from motor fuel excise tax, bringing the fund's total to **\$23,090**.

Proposed expenditures include **\$596 for maintenance and operations**.

CEMETERY FUND

The Cemetery Fund begins with **\$27,698 in cash forward** and anticipates \$13,055 in cemetery revenue, for a total of **\$40,753**.

Proposed expenditures include **\$3,869 for maintenance and operations**.

ENTERPRISE FUND

The Enterprise Fund, which includes the town's water, sewer and sanitation services, begins with **\$74,094 in cash forward**.

Estimated revenues include \$60,676 in water fees, \$3,499 in sewer fees, \$27,639 from sanitation, \$1,646 in late charges and \$25 in interest. Total available Enterprise Fund revenue is listed at **\$167,579**.

Proposed Enterprise Fund expenditures total **\$115,679**, including \$11,276 for personal services and \$104,403 for maintenance and operations.

PUBLIC HEARING

Residents who would like to learn more about the proposed budget or provide input may attend the public hearing.

Town of Marshall 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Marshall City Hall, 204 E. Main St., Marshall

HENNESSEY JOINS THE AMERICAN CONVERSATION

By AAN Jack Quirk

What makes a community strong? What pulls people apart? And, perhaps most importantly, what helps neighbors come back together when they disagree?

Those were some of the questions discussed recently in Hennessey as part of the American Conversation Project, facilitated by the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum.

Caleb Brown, project manager for the American Conversation Project, met with Hennessey residents to talk about community identity, civic involvement, division and what makes small-town Oklahoma unique.

The project is gathering voices from communities across the country to help create a broader picture of civic life in America. The information will also help inform a new civics lab at the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum.

What Makes Hennessey, Hennessey?

On Monday, August 17, seven area residents gathered at the Hennessey Mercantile for the discussion: Stacy Cline, Wes Hardin, Cathy Howard, Jack Quirk, Charlie Pickle, Sheila Duell and Abel Moreno.

When asked what makes Hennessey special, several words continued to surface: pride, caring, communication and neighboring.

The group included lifelong residents, business owners, farmers and people who moved to Hennessey from other parts of the country. Despite their different backgrounds, they repeatedly returned to the idea that Hennessey is a place where people know one another and step up when someone needs help.

Participants also pointed to Hennessey's cultural diversity as a strength, particularly the integration of the Hispanic community and the role the school plays in bringing families together.

Examples ranged from farmers helping neighbors during harvest to organized efforts through the Community Action Team, commonly known as CAT. Residents also recalled coming together during a severe ice storm and COVID-19, when businesses, churches and individuals helped elderly and vulnerable residents.



When a Community Disagrees

The conversation wasn't limited to Hennessey's successes.

Participants discussed issues that have divided the community over the years, including wind energy projects, a proposed swine industry development and more recent debates over taxes and funding for services.

A common thread was that disagreements often become worse when people don't have complete information. Social media can add to the problem when hearsay or statements without context are repeated as fact.

Better communication, education and getting information directly from those involved were mentioned as ways to keep disagreements from becoming lasting divisions.

One advantage of a small town is that

disagreements are difficult to keep impersonal. The person on the other side of an issue may also sit beside you at a ballgame, attend the same church, own the business down the street or stop to help when your car breaks down.

That personal connection can make it easier to understand another point of view, even when nobody changes their mind.

Telling Hennessey's Story

Participants also discussed the importance of recognizing public employees, volunteers, farmers, businesses and ordinary residents who keep the community moving.

Schools, churches, civic organizations and community events were described as gathering places where people from different backgrounds build relationships.

Ultimately, the discussion painted a picture of Hennessey as a community that certainly doesn't agree on everything but has something increasingly valuable: the ability to disagree today and still help one another tomorrow.

That is exactly what the American Conversation Project hopes to understand by listening to communities like Hennessey.

It starts with knowing your neighbors. The American Conversation Project brings people together in communities across the country for honest conversations about what matters most. No debate, no agenda, just neighbors listening to neighbors.

You can learn more about the project as well as hear some of the conversations at americanconversations.org

BURN BAN EXTENDED IN KINGFISHER COUNTY

The Kingfisher County Commissioners have extended the countywide burn ban for another seven days due to continued dry conditions and the increased risk of wildfires.

Residents are asked to avoid outdoor burning and use extra caution with anything that could create a spark or open flame.

Please do your part to help protect our firefighters, neighbors, homes, livestock and property throughout Kingfisher County.

For questions or current burn ban information, contact Kingfisher County Emergency Management at 405-375-2792 or the 24-hour number at 405-368-4124. Please share to help spread the word.

HENNESSEY ROUND UP CLUB THANK YOU

Thank you to our amazing community for coming out and filling the stands, to the Lions Club for volunteering their time in the concession stand, and to all of the contestants who showed up and put on a great rodeo.

A special thank you to our friends and family who jumped in wherever they were needed, and to the local businesses whose generous donations help make our small-town rodeo possible year after year.

It truly takes a community to make an event like this a success, and we are grateful for everyone who played a part!



POLICE REPORT AUGUST 14 - 21, 2026

08/15/2026	Ellsworth, Isabelle Faith, Lee	\$265.00
Failure to Pay	Taxes Due to State	
08/15/2026	Floyd, Jeremy Scott	\$197.00
Following Too Close		
08/14/2026	Bailey, Debbie Kay	\$185.00
Speeding 10 or Less		
08/20/2026	Thornton, Crystal Leanne	\$197.00
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device		
08/20/2026	Fisher, Sara Beth	\$197.00
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device		
08/21/2026	Moreno, Phoenix Ivaan	\$185.00
Speeding 10 or Less		
08/20/2026	Latta, Rodney Dean	\$197.00
Defective Equipment		
08/19/2026	Ceron Garcia, Adolfo	\$592.00 total
Speeding 16-20; No Driver's License		
08/16/2026	Roman, Louis Frank	\$507.00 total
Speeding 26-30; No Insurance		

INCIDENT REPORT

According to a Hennessey Police Department report, an officer was running stationary radar in the 1000 block of South Main at approximately 8:45 p.m. on Aug. 19 when a vehicle was observed traveling at a high rate of speed. The report states the vehicle was traveling 63 mph in a 45 mph zone, and a traffic stop was initiated near Highway 81 and Oakwood Drive.

The driver was identified as Adolfo Ceron Garcia. According to the report, Garcia presented a Mexico "conductor" card and, with the assistance of a friend translating, it was determined he did not have a valid driver's license. The report states the information was also checked through OLETS and confirmed through dispatch.

Garcia was arrested at approximately 9:13 p.m. for Speeding 16-20 Over and No Driver's License. The vehicle was impounded by M6 Wrecker. The report also states that a Western Field .22 Long Rifle and a Palmetto State Armory automatic rifle were inventoried from the vehicle and placed in an evidence locker.

The citation report lists fines of \$227 for Speeding 16-20 and \$365 for No Driver's License, for a combined total of \$592.

911 Hang Up — 1	Training — 1
911 Other — 1	Unknown Subject — 1
Open Door — 1	Business Residence Check — 1
Other — 1	Check Area — 1
Receive Information — 1	Escort — 1
Reckless Driver — 1	Foot Patrol — 1
Report — 1	CAC — 1
Sick Call — 1	Traffic Stops — 19
Theft — 1	

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT WITH HENNESSEY'S TWO OPEN TRUSTEE SEATS?

The Town of Hennessey currently has two vacant seats on its Board of Trustees, and questions have been raised about when those positions will be filled and whether they could have appeared on the November ballot.

David Jones' trustee position became vacant on June 3, 2026, and Harold Shaw's position became vacant on June 6, 2026.

Oklahoma law explains how towns must handle vacancies like these.

Under Oklahoma Statute Title 11, Section 8-109, when an elected town position becomes vacant, the remaining members of the governing board are to appoint someone by majority vote to temporarily fill the position.

The law also includes a 60-day deadline. If the board does not fill the vacancy within 60 days, it normally must call a special election.

For Jones' position, the 60-day period ended around August 2. For Shaw's position, it ended around August 5.

That raises the question: Why not put the two positions on the November 3 ballot?

November 3, 2026, is an approved date for special elections in Oklahoma. However, there is another part of the vacancy law that comes into play.

The law says a special election is not required if that election would take place within 120 days before candidate filing begins for the town's next regular election.

Hennessey's next regular municipal candidate filing period begins



February 1, 2027. The regular municipal election will be held April 6, 2027.

Counting back 120 days from February 1 puts November 3 inside that 120-day period.

This means state law does not simply prohibit Hennessey from holding a special election in November. Instead, the law provides an exception that means the town is not required to hold a special election that close to its next regular

municipal election.

There was also a deadline for getting a special election on the November ballot. According to the Oklahoma State Election Board calendar, a resolution calling for a November 3 special election had to be submitted by August 19.

Based on the statute and election calendar, the next regular opportunity for voters to fill the vacant positions is the April 6, 2027 municipal election. Those elected would serve the remaining portions of the unexpired terms.

One question that is less clear from the statute is whether the Town Board may still appoint trustees after the original 60-day period has passed. That issue would need to be confirmed by the town's attorney or other appropriate legal authority.

For now, the important point is that the November election itself is not prohibited. Rather, Oklahoma's 120-day exception affects whether a special election is required before Hennessey's regular municipal election in April.

HENNESSEY WATER EMERGENCY

Tuesday, August 25, at about 11 a.m., a construction contractor crew working for Light Source Communications was boring under the highway to install a fiber-optic cable running from Tulsa to Amarillo when they struck a large water line near the intersection of Highways 81 and 51 in Hennessey.

The major water line break forced the Town of Hennessey to shut down its entire water system while crews worked to make emergency repairs.

Hennessey Town Administrator Tiffany Rowen said the leak was significant enough that it began rapidly draining the town's water towers. Rowen and Public Works Director Alyssa Kubat made the decision to shut down the water system, both to conserve the remaining water supply and allow crews to excavate and repair the damaged line.

The outage affected the entire community. Hennessey Public Schools released students early, and several local restaurants and businesses were forced to close because they did not have water.

Hennessey Water Department crews spent considerable time

locating the exact location of the break. Before excavation could begin, they had to wait for utility locators to mark other underground lines in the area.

Adding to the difficulty, the damaged water line was located inside a protective casing beneath the highway, making the repair much more complicated.

At about noon, Kubat called in Luckinbill Construction of Enid to assist with the repair. The commercial utility contractor has the specialized equipment needed to handle a damaged line and casing of this size.

The full Luckinbill crew arrived at about 4:30 p.m. and installed a trench box so workers could safely enter the deep excavation. Removing the casing to expose the damaged pipe was difficult and time-consuming, but crews completed the repair at about 7 p.m.

Water pressure began returning to normal throughout Hennessey at about 8 p.m., roughly eight hours after the emergency began.

The repair required dozens of workers alongside the Hennessey Public Works crew, who worked throughout the afternoon and evening to safely complete a difficult repair and restore water service to the community.



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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

Thursday, September 3

ES/MS/HS Cross Country @ Carl
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10am – 3pm Blood Drive - Hosted
by FCCLA
12 – 1pm Lion's Club Family Cafe
4 – 5pm JH Volleyball vs Waller (A)
4:30 – 5:30pm HS Softball vs
Chisholm (A)
4:30 – 5:30pm JH Softball vs
Chisholm (A)
6:30 – 7:30pm OK2A Meeting
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Friday, September 4

JH Softball Hennessey Tournament
HS JV Volleyball - Chisholm
Tournament
7 – 8pm HS Football vs Thomas (A)

Saturday, September 5

JH Softball Hennessey Tournament

Monday, September 7
Kingfisher County Commissioners
Regular Meeting 101 S Main St
Labor Day - No School

Tuesday, September 8

4 – 5pm Teen Funtivities Club
Hennessey Public Library
4:30 – 5:30pm JH/HS Volleyball vs
Canute (H)
5 – 6pm HS Softball vs Perry (H)
5 – 6pm JH Softball vs Cashion (H)
5:30 – 6:30pm JH/HS JV Football vs
Chisholm (H)
6 – 7pm Hennessey Town Board
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Wednesday, September 9

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