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# The All About KINGFISHER POST

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-KINGFISHER'S HOMETOWN POST-

## EXTREMES!

The past few days have been a survival test for Kingfisher County. It has been an extra cold month but on Wednesday, February 19, the cold intensified dramatically. The day began with a bone-chilling low of 8°F along with ice and snow making all travel challenging. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported numerous collisions and many vehicles off the roadways. We awoke to temperatures below 0 on Wednesday with no relief from the road conditions. The weather improved throughout the week but still did not make it above freezing.



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## 5A WEST GIRLS REGIONALS



On Monday, February 17th, 7 Kingfisher High School girls went and competed at this year's 5A West Regionals Tournament in Cache, OK. Those wrestlers were Rylee Hamil, Delissa Evans, Taygen Otey, Mylene Jones, Emma McLean, Shelby Wilson, and Elizabeth Pickle. All the girls gave it their best and fought hard every step of the way!

Rylee Hamil made history that day by being the first KHS female wrestler to qualify for State. After wrestling in 5 matches going 4-1 Rylee placed 5th in the 115 division and guaranteed her spot at the Big House. Rylee will be headed to the Jim Norick Arena this next weekend February 27th through March 1st. Congratulations on your accomplishment, Rylee.

Congratulations as well to Delissa Evans who will also be headed to State but as an Alternate for the 140 division. Photos by AAK Maitland Pickle.



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# Local Author Sells Out at Book Signings THE LOVE KEEPS SHINING

Local author Lee E. Briix experienced overwhelming support at recent book signings for Train to Muddy Waters, selling out over 100 copies in Hennessey before the event even concluded. At the Kingfisher signing, demand exceeded supply, prompting the author to take orders, with additional copies expected from the printer within 7 to 10 days. Readers who placed orders will receive their books as soon as they arrive.



Beyond book sales, the signings provided an opportunity to reconnect with longtime friends and former students. Briix expressed gratitude for the chance to reminisce with familiar faces, though recalling names proved more challenging.

The success of the events was made possible with the support of Dover Town Hall, Hennessey Public Library, and Kingfisher Memorial Library, which hosted the signings. The author noted that while the experience was new for all involved, it ran smoothly and was well received.

In addition to Train to Muddy Waters, the author's previous work, "The Hennessey Book", has also sold out. More copies are currently being printed to meet demand.

For those interested in purchasing a copy of either book, updates on availability will be provided soon.

If you were unable to get to one of the book signings, you can order a book from me. The price is \$21 plus \$5.50 for shipping. Order from: Lee E. Briix, 9524 Saddle Ridge Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73131

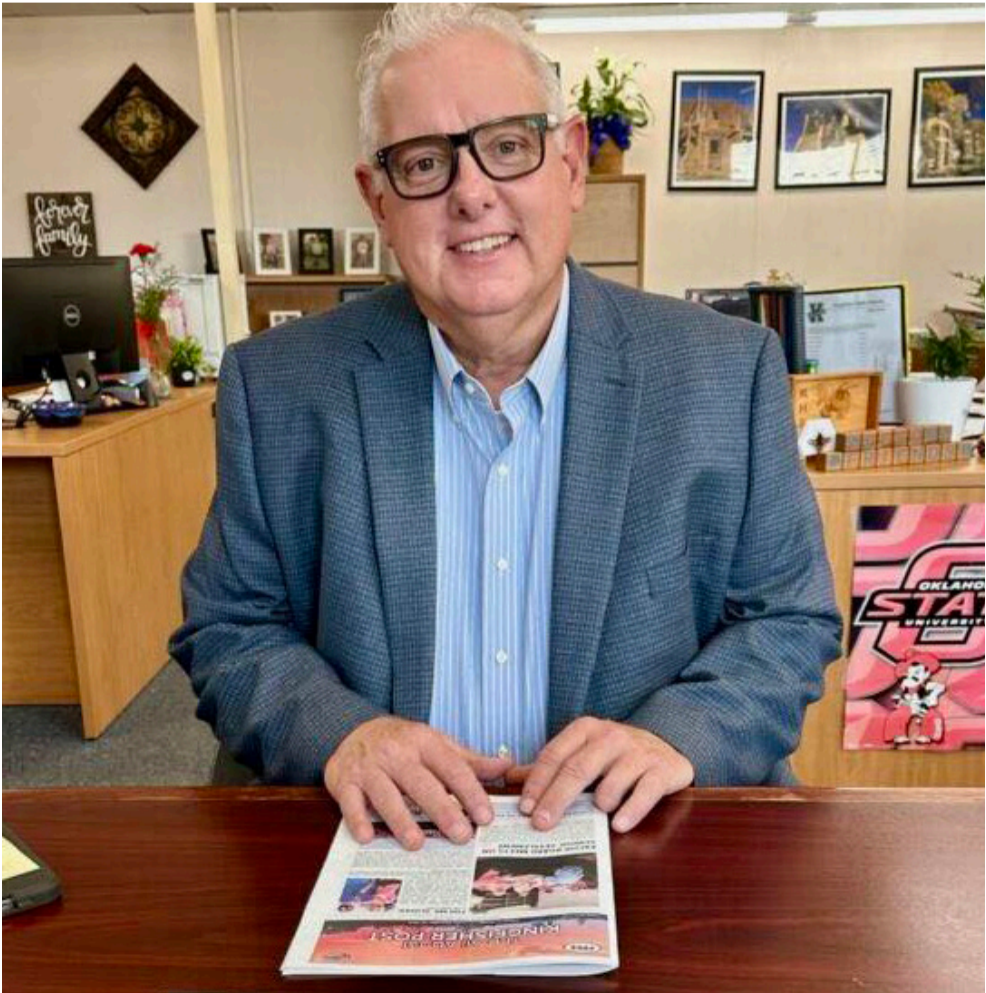
On Thursday, February 6th, the Center of Family Love visited the Chisholm Trail Technology Center to prepare for their prom, Night to Shine, which took place on Friday, February 7. The Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine event has been held annually since 2014. The event is a prom-like celebration for people with different abilities.

The beautiful ladies received personalized attention from the CTTC Cosmetology students, enjoying laughter, and even some dancing and singing to their favorite music. Haley, from the Center Family of Love, expressed her joy by saying, "I am so happy!" Photo by Amy Smith



## HERE TO STAY

Congratulations to current Interim Superintendent, Andy Evans on being voted as the official Superintendent for the Kingfisher Independent School District during a special School Board meeting on Monday night, February 10th. Only a few things are left to complete and the move will be official. Congratulations, Mr. Superintendent!



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**A LEGACY OF FLIGHT: AUSTIN JORDAN EARNS HIS GOLD WINGS**

Austin Jordan, a graduate from Okeene, recently earned his gold wings. He is the son of Gracie Jordan and the late Gary Jordan, founder of Jordan Air, Inc. To celebrate this remarkable achievement, Austin was surrounded by his loved ones, including his wife, Cydnee; his mother, Gracie; his brother, Terry Jordan, who had the honor of pinning the wings on him; and his sister-in-law, Jill, who traveled from Hugoton, Kansas, Austin’s Aunt Mary Canales, cousin Joseph Deaton, and good friend Doug Carthel, who is a pilot for Jordan Air. Austin is proud to carry on the legacy of his late father, Gary Jordan, of Jordan Air, Inc. in Okeene.

Austin drew inspiration from his college professors, who encouraged him to follow a path they had both traveled—the Navy. Although Austin initially thought the Air Force was going to be his choice of military service, the callback he was expecting never came. He then looked into the Navy, which made it clear that he had some hard work to do to get into shape. After two years of dedicated effort, Austin’s dream began to become a reality. He attended Officer Candidate School (OSC) in Newport, Rhode Island, followed by the Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API) course in Pensacola, Florida, Primary Flight School in Milton, Florida, and Flight Training in Kingsville, Texas, where he received his gold wings. Throughout his four years of training, Austin faced many challenges on his journey to achieve his goal. He emphasized the importance of patience and hard work, even during difficult times. Austin believes that his dedication and perseverance were crucial in helping him reach this milestone. He offered advice for young aspirants: just because you don’t see progress when you’re not reaching your goals, never give up. There is a place for everyone who works hard. Story by AAK Amy Smith | Photos Provided



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## LINDA KAY JINDRA OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Linda Kay Jindra on January 31st, 2025 at the age of 76. Linda was born on August 1st, 1948 in Kingfisher, OK to Howard and Dorothy Layton.



Linda grew up on the family farm north of Kingfisher and graduated from Dover High School. She married Bill Jindra in 1966 and had two sons, Tim and Barry. She went to work at KB&T (later BancFirst) and worked her way up to the head bookkeeper position, which she held until her retirement in 2013. Linda loved her BancFirst family and made lots of great memories and lifelong friends there.

Linda was a member of the First Christian Church of Kingfisher her entire life and even though she wasn't able to personally attend church services anymore, due to health issues, her church family was always very important to her and she watched services online as often as she could.

Linda was also a very accomplished musician. She played the piano, organ, and, in her younger years, the accordion. She was the organist at the church for many years and sang in the choir for most of her adult life. She had the most beautiful singing voice and Tim & Kim were very privileged to have her sing at their wedding.

She loved her family very much and was especially proud of her grandchildren who have wonderful memories of staying the night at Gramma's house and sometimes getting into a little mischief. Gramma didn't mind though, she just giggled that wonderful trademark giggle and told them to behave.

Linda wasn't just a musician, she had many talents. She knitted, crocheted, quilted, did needlepoint, and loved jigsaw puzzles. She made afghans for many of her family members which they cherish. She was also a wonderful seamstress and made many of her own clothes in her younger years and she loved to participate in the Kingfisher Rockin' Boppin' concert series and did so for many years.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents Howard Layton and Dorothy (Harris) Layton. Her brother Charles Layton, sister Beverly Arnold, granddaughter Drew Castleberry, and nephew Kevin Sandusky.

She is survived by her sons Tim (Kim) Jindra and Barry (Shelly) Jindra all of Kingfisher. Grandchildren Tori Castleberry, Jessica Jindra, Trevor Jindra & Scott Jindra, and one great-grandson, Reese Castleberry, and niece, Vanessa Sandusky.

While our hearts mourn the loss, we take comfort in knowing she is no longer suffering and is with her family again. Services will be on Saturday, February 22nd at 11:00 am at the First Christian Church of Kingfisher, under the direction of Sanders Funeral Service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the First Christian Church 102 S. 7th Kingfisher OK 73750.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF RANDY BRISCOE

April 23, 1938 – February 12, 2025

Coats Randolph "Randy" Briscoe Jr., a true American success story, passed away peacefully while surrounded by his loving family. The middle son of seven siblings, born in humble beginnings in Marlow, Oklahoma. He spent his childhood working on the family farm where he picked cotton and milked cows, learning the value of hard work at an early age. At a young age, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. To ensure Randy also received a formal education, when Randy was seven, his father gave him a horse, Daisy May, which he rode to a one-room schoolhouse that housed grades K-12. There, he excelled academically through the 3rd grade before attending Marlow Public School. When Randy was 14, the family moved to Casa Grande, Arizona. He reluctantly sold his beloved Daisy May, because his parents (understandably) would not let him ride his horse from Oklahoma to Arizona alone. He was always fearless. His work ethic, intelligence, and fearlessness were the foundations of a remarkable life—a life defined by perseverance, adventure, and an unrelenting drive to succeed.

After high school in Arizona, Randy served 20 years in the United States Air Force, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. While in the Air Force, Randy married Reba Kay Shaffer and adopted her two children from a prior marriage, Raymond George Briscoe and Nina M. Blair. On November 4, 1964, while stationed at Eglin Air Force Base, Randy and Reba fathered a son, Coats Randolph Briscoe III "Randy". The family traveled the world, living in such places as Okinawa, Japan, Arizona, Texas, California, and Florida.

In 1975, Randy retired from the Air Force with honors and moved to Kingfisher, Oklahoma. There, he embarked on a new journey in the oilfields of Oklahoma. He founded numerous oil and gas service companies and later purchased, drilled, owned, and/or operated oil and gas wells across western Oklahoma. While his businesses in the oil patch formed the cornerstone of his entrepreneurial legacy, he was not one-dimensional in his business pursuits. His competitive spirit and tireless determination propelled him to success in banking, farming, ranching, and numerous other business ventures. He was a man who built his life with his own hands, never backed down from a challenge, and always found a way to succeed. Whatever he pursued, he did so with excellence, leaving an indelible mark on every business venture he touched.

A true renaissance man, Randy lived life to the fullest. He was a skilled pilot, flying well into his seventies. To clear his mind, he would follow the channel of the Cimarron River for miles, flying only a few feet above the surface and occasionally touching his landing gear to the water for good measure. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, and in years gone by was a fearless competitor on the motocross track. But, he was a cowboy at heart, raising and racing horses, breeding and showing prized longhorn cattle, and all other things that cowboys love. No challenge was too great, no adventure too daunting—he embraced it all with passion and enthusiasm.

Beyond his professional achievements, Randy was a man of generosity and deep devotion to his family. Five years after Randy lost his wife, Reba, to cancer in 1987, he met his current wife, Jamie Briscoe, and the two were married in 1997. For the next 28 years,



Randy and Jamie rarely left each other's side. In a truly storybook marriage, they traveled the world, cared for their family, and gave graciously to those in need. Randy adored Jamie, and she adored him. He was a beloved father to his children George, Nina, Randy, and his "bonus" children Travis Brown, Shawna Brown, and Jessica Morey. But his crowning achievement in life came in his most important role--grandfather. Known affectionately as "Papa" and "Poppi", he was adored by his nine grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He cherished the time spent with them at the lake, on the farm, at sporting events, snow skiing, riding in parades, and their many other endeavors. His kindness, wisdom, and larger-than-life presence allowed him to teach lessons and build relationships with his grandchildren that will live on in the adults they will one day become. Randy will be deeply missed by his children, grandchildren, and everyone who was fortunate enough to have known him.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents Coats Randolph Briscoe, Sr. and Francis Malissa Briscoe, son Raymond George Briscoe, daughter Nina Marie Blair, son Coats Randolph Briscoe III "Randy", and grandson Lane Michael Blair.

Randy is survived by his wife Jamie Briscoe, bonus children Travis and Suzanne Brown, Shawna and Chris Brown, Jessica, and Tyler Morey, grandchildren Lisa and Zac Black, David and Olivia Blair, Lilly Brown,

Hudson Brown, Campbell Brown, Elliot Brown, Bennett Brown, Miles Morey, Mac Morey, and great-grandchildren Sophia Black, Theodore Black, Eleanor Blair, Elizabeth Blair, and his sister Linda Kenney and her husband Richard Kenney. Though he has left this world, his gentle spirit will live on in the hearts of those friends and family who were fortunate enough to know him.

A celebration of his extraordinary life will be held at the Federated Church in Kingfisher, Oklahoma on February 17, 2025, at 2:00, with military honors to commemorate his dedicated service to his country. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Center of Family Love in Okarche in honor of Randy's commitment to giving back. Rest now Papa/Poppi. You ran your race well. Your legacy will live on in the lessons you taught, the love you shared, and the countless lives you impacted. Under the direction of Sanders Funeral Service.

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# GILMOUR GOOD BEE-HAVIOR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to your Gilmour Elementary School Good "BEE"-havior Students of the Week for February 3rd through February 7th! Keep shining kiddos!



Front Row (left to right): Kasen Jones, Jaclyn Cole, Oliver Edwards, Holt Zook, Brooks Terrell, Toryn Guthrie, and Rhea Long. Middle Row (left to right): Sterling Squires, Ramiyah McCarty, Jagger Pace, Everly Pace, Camila Camarena, Rex Julian, Kai Salcedo, Kyze Meyer, and Liam Perez Tostado. Back Row (left to right): Rylee Rother, Collins Kitchens, Jayde Longacre, Willow Mosley, Samuel Tollefson, Alex Toepfer, Kaiden Knapski, Isabella Mercado, and Luxton Crum. Information provided by Niki Black.

# HERITAGE STUDENTS OF JANUARY

Congratulations to your Kingfisher Heritage School students of the month for January! Keep reaching your goals!



Pictured left to right: Beckett Rodriguez, Jazzlynn Fite, Nicolas Ponce Gonzalez, Aaspyn Nowlin, Reid Beal, KC Brown, Claire Hauser, Cooper Wilczek, Erazmo Tapia, and Whitley Brodrick. Information and photo provided by Jordan Smith.

# MRS. HENTON: OERB TOP 20 TEACHER

Kingfisher Heritage School's Mrs. Makylah Henton felt all the love this Valentine's Day as she was announced as an Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (OERB) Top 20 Teach on Friday, February 14th. During a special assembly just for her, Mrs. Henton was presented with the award and a \$5,000 check. Through this award, Heritage Elementary will also receive a check for the same amount.

Pistol Pete made the long drive from Stillwater to present the check to the OSU fan and teacher. All the teachers and students got to partake in the secret gathering as well as Mrs. Henton's husband and son. What an unforgettable Valentine's Day and what a day to show a teacher how much she is valued and loved!





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## KHS STUDENTS OF FEBRUARY

Congratulations to your Kingfisher High School Students of the Month for February! Keep making big strides in both your educational and personal growth! Information provided by Stephanie Bieren.



**Senior - Addison Willson**



**Junior - Abby Wallace**



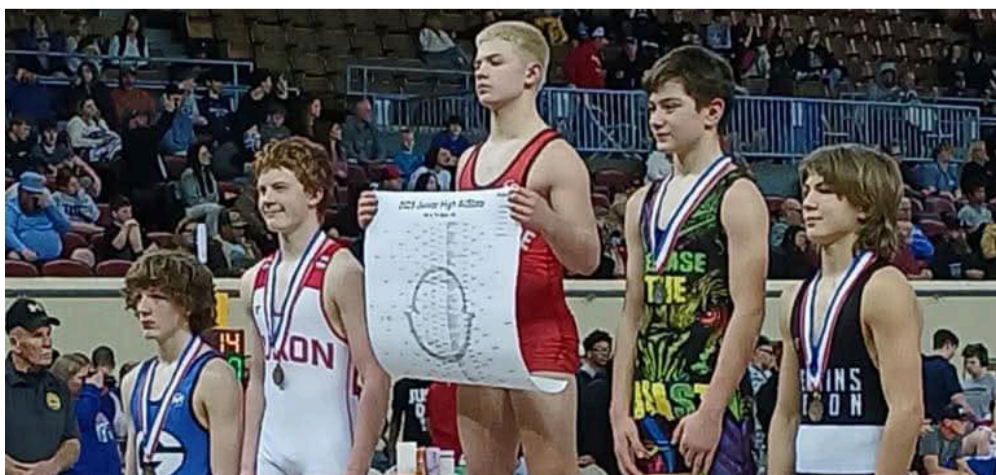
**Sophomore - Molly Weber**



**Freshman - Kendall Farrar**

## CHANNING DUNN, 2ND PLACE IN CLASS 130

This past weekend at the Junior High All State Wrestling tournament, wrestlers from all over Oklahoma competed for their class title at the State Fairgrounds Arena on Saturday, February 7th. Channing Dunn came close to gold and placed 2nd in his weight class of 130. Channing had 64 kids in his bracket and competed in 6 matches, losing his final match 4 to 1 by decision against Claremore's Jake Snyder-Frazier. Way to go, Channing!



## HAPPY NATIONAL FFA WEEK

February 15th through February 22nd is National FFA Week. The Kingfisher FFA officers recently took a trip to KOFM Headquarters in Enid, OK and will be featured on the program. In addition to Kingfisher, the Lomega FFA Chapter will be featured as well. Keep an ear out and tune into My Country 103.1 all week long to hear your local FFA members!

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF

On Monday evening, February 17th, over 400 people packed the Kingfisher County Fairgrounds for the Spring Livestock Bidders Feed. During the event, 4-H and FFA students from all over Kingfisher County came together to showcase the results of their hard work from the previous week's three-day stock show. The auction was conducted by Lippard's Auctioneers, where 100 livestock auctioned, raising nearly \$145,000 for the exhibitors!



This event was a true celebration of agricultural achievement and community spirit. This could not be made possible without the support for these young aspiring ag students. Great job, Kingfisher County. Photos by AAK- Amy Smith



FFA NOC INTERSCHOLASTIC RESULTS

Congratulations to our Kingfisher Junior High and Kingfisher High School FFA members who competed and placed at the NOC Interscholastics and won the Multi-Teacher Sweepstakes on January 29th! Way to work hard and achieve greatness! Photo provided.

Ag Communications Team: 2nd place  
Carson Swafford (not pictured) - 1st place  
Hailey Bieren - 11th place  
Keynun Combs - 24 place  
Keylun Combs - 39 place

Jr. Team Ag Mechanics: 1st place  
Sloan Merrill - 1st place  
Brody Davis - 2nd place  
Johan Perez - 7th place

Horticulture Team: 1st place  
Ariana Alvarez Vega - 1st place  
Caroline Swafford - 2nd place  
Fatima DeLeon - 4th place

Sr. Team Ag Mechanics: 2nd place  
Cooper Henley - 3rd place  
Jayden Stoddard - 4th place  
Jack Barnett - 16th place

Meats: 2nd place  
Josh Finley - 3rd place  
Jayson Heldermon - 4th place  
Paykus Graham - 12th place  
Jordan Warren - 18th place



EAT, PLAY, SING!

Hundreds of people came out to the 73rd Annual Pancake Breakfast on February 15th, to support our amazing local talents involved in the Kingfisher Choir and Band programs. Things cued off with the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade choirs and then the High School Choir before moving onto the band portion in each of those categories. The kids did a phenomenal job, and the pancakes and sausage were delicious, as always.

Mrs. Owens, the Kingfisher Band Director, had a surprise in store for all those in attendance. She had her top four fundraisers come up and silly string her.

A huge thank you to the event sponsors: Kingfisher Masonic Lodge, Okarche Grain and Feed, Pioneer, El Charro’s, Dennis’ Express Pharmacy, Griffin’s Food Company, the Music Boosters, and all the parents and volunteers who made this event possible.

Thank you to all who attended! We’ll see you next year! Photos by AAK Maitland Pickle.



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## TROOP 196

by Bonny Flesher

If you run into Maitland Pickle with a camera in hand, she's usually on a mission. Sometimes, she reminds me of "Flash," the comic book character. There are moments when she can't be in two places at once, and that's when she sends me a text. Last Saturday was one of those evenings. I had the opportunity to drop in on Pack 196 as they celebrated with a Blue and Gold Banquet. During this event, Scouts are recognized for completing Adventure Trails and achieving rank advancements. Each rank requires six trails to be completed to progress to the next rank.

As soon as I walked into the banquet, I was hit with a sense of déjà vu. My memories took me back to a time when I claimed to be a Cub Scout—until my mom stopped being a den mother. In my mind, they kicked me out, but in everyone else's eyes, I was just the pesky little sister who tagged along because my mom didn't have a babysitter. I watched as my older brother climbed the ranks of scouting, and later, there was another generation with my son in the Kingfisher Troop. Two scoutmasters who stand out in his memory are Ken Musick and Fred Voss. Those guys could write a book about their adventures with a group of young boys.

There's one story in particular where my son is the star. I happened to work with Ken and Fred, and I remember a certain Monday morning after a long weekend of camping when they stood on either side of my desk. One said to the other, "You tell her," and the response was, "No, you tell her." You'll have to hear the full story from Ken or Fred, as they tell it best. Just reference "The Sock Story." There were countless adventures, including water balloon fights that turned into full-blown water wars, with the scoutmasters often right in the middle of the action!

Boy Scouts teaches our children the Scout Law: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. February 8th was the 115th birthday of Boy Scouts of America. Pack 196 welcomes all youth (boys and girls) in grades kindergarten through 5th to come to check out their pack. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM at the Masonic Lodge in Kingfisher. Troop 196, which is for youth in grades 6 through age 18, also meets at the same time. The troop is a youth-led group, guided by adults.

For me, it warmed my heart to see the young boys saluting the flags of our state and country. As a mom whose son served in the Navy's Honor Guard, I appreciate that their spirit of patriotism begins at a young age.



## WRESTLING HOMECOMING & SENIOR NIGHT

On Tuesday, February 11th the Kingfisher High School Wrestling teams took on the Bridge Creek Bobcats and had their Homecoming and Senior Night ceremonies. The night began with Junior High wrestling and then moved on to the Homecoming Coronation with Jose Santoyo being awarded Captain and Taygen Otey being crowned Queen. Homecoming Junior Attendants were Rex Julian; Crown Bearer, and Beatrix Jimenez; Flower Girl. The High School wrestlers then took center mat with the Senior festivities following. Seniors Emily Warren, Mylene Jones, Taygen Otey, Emily Altizer, Robert Barnett, Mason Alig, Jose Santoyo, and Ryker Long were all honored with a commemorative wall hanging sporting wrestling mementos. Photos by AAK Maitland Pickle.



## 2024-2025 BASKETBALL HOMECOMING & SENIOR NIGHT

On Friday, February 7th, Kingfisher High School had its Basketball Homecoming and Senior Night. During the Senior Night ceremony, before the girls' varsity game, seniors Raegan Snider, Maddox Jarvis, Mia Franco, and Paytun Burnham were honored. Immediately following, they had their Homecoming Coronation, where Maddox Jarvis and Raegan Snider were crowned the 2024-2025 Basketball King and Queen. Homecoming Jr. Attendants were Flower Girl Collins Mitchel and Crown Bearer Fynn Kroener.

Both teams took on the Clinton Red Tornadoes that night and won but the Lady Jackets gave them a beating winning 62 to 19. The boys however led all game with Clinton trying to make a comeback in the second half. The Jackets were able to hold them off and won 61 to 48. At halftime of the girls game we all got a special treat from the Kingfisher Cheer team. They had their Mini Cheer Clinic girls perform and show us all what they learned that week. Photos by AAK Maitland Pickle.



## 2025 KHS SOCCER TEAMS

Meet your 2025 Kingfisher High School Soccer teams! The Lady Jackets embarked on their new season this past Saturday, February 15th, in an all-day Girls' tournament in Newcastle. The Jackets have their first scrimmages this Saturday, February 22nd at the Newcastle Boys Festival. Both teams have their first and only home scrimmage against the Elk City Elks on Tuesday, February 25th. The first regular season game is March 1st. Come out and watch them play this spring!



First Row (left to right): Rosa Wallace, Nina Butts, Maya Haney, Kinsleigh Willms, Kinlee East, Yesenia Rivera, Liliana Garramone, Ariana Rivera, Karen Munoz, Gisselle Ponce, and Tanisha Mercado. Second Row (left to right): Coach Mejía, Rylee Hamil, Esmeralda Gullien Naranjo, Gabby Rojas, Jennings Broddle, Alessandra Gomez, Molly Weber, Shaila Cardenas, Natalie Garrett, Harper Evans, Brinley Reese, Emily Munoz, Ashley Delatorre, Ryann Shue, and Coach Edsall. Not Pictured: Amberlynn Gustafson



Front Row (left to right): Elijah Click, Alejandro Alvarez, Diego Valles, Jake Sisk, Chazden Padilla, Santiago Ortega, Landon Willms, Hector Valles, Damion DeAlba, Bryan Campos, Abel Guzman, and Hayden Green. Second Row (left to right): Trayson Deterding, Joaquin Wallace, Dylan Bain, Jairo Velarde, Kevin Guerrero, Rhett Schlegel, Jaden Bain, Eduardo Delatorre, Kaiden Eckart, Chris Orozco, Reyse Jackson, Zander Padilla, and Yahir Perez. Third Row (left to right): Coach Waltman, Brandon Gutierrez, Andres Montiel, Kollin Lambert, Fernando Jaramillo, Julian Marshall, Sair Cortes, Journee Washington, Mason Snyder, and Coach Click. Not pictured: Maddox Jarvis. Photos taken by Riley Dacus.

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## CALENDAR EVENTS

### Friday, February 21

FFA @ Enid District Livestock Show (Day 4/7)  
Boys Wrestling Regionals (Day 1/2) KHS  
Boosterthon End Date  
Boosterthon Fun run

### Saturday, February 22

FFA @ Enid District Livestock Show (Day 5/7)  
Boys Wrestling Regionals (Day 2/2) KHS  
8 – 9am Men's Bible Study at the Naz

### Sunday, February 23

FFA @ Enid District Livestock Show (Day 6/7)

### Monday, February 24

FFA @ Enid District Livestock Show (Day 7/7)  
2 – 3pm Sewing Together at the Naz  
5 – 8pm GED Classes at Jacket Academy  
6:30 – 7:30pm Grief Share at the Baptist  
First Baptist Church Kingfisher  
7:30 – 8:30pm Come & Go Prayer at the Naz

### Tuesday, February 25

OSSAA Vocal Solo/Ensemble @ Alva

### Wednesday, February 26

5 – 8pm GED Classes at Jacket Academy

### Monday, March 3

5 – 8pm GED Classes at Jacket Academy  
6:30 – 7:30pm Grief Share at the Baptist  
First Baptist Church Kingfisher  
7 – 9pm Kingfisher School Board  
7 – 8pm Elks Lodge Meeting  
7:30 – 8:30pm Come & Go Prayer at the Naz

### Tuesday, March 4

6:30 – 7:30pm Sewing Together at the Naz

### Wednesday, March 5

5 – 8pm GED Classes at Jacket Academy

### Thursday, March 6

2nd grade music program  
10 – 11am Coffee Vibes

### Saturday, March 8

8 – 9am Men's Bible Study at the Naz

### Sunday, March 9

Daylight Saving Time starts

### Monday, March 10

Parent-Teacher conferences (Day 1/2)  
2 – 3pm Sewing Together at the Naz  
3:15 – 6:15pm Parent/Teacher Conferences  
5 – 8pm GED Classes at Jacket Academy  
5:30 – 6:30pm Kingfisher City Council  
Kingfisher City Hall  
6 – 7pm Compassion Clinic  
6:30 – 7:30pm Grief Share at  
First Baptist Church Kingfisher  
7:30 – 8:30pm Come & Go Prayer at the Naz

### Tuesday, March 11

Parent-Teacher conferences (Day 2/2)  
FFA OYE (Day 1/11)  
8th Grade OKC Memorial Field Trip  
3:15 – 6:15pm Parent/Teacher Conferences

## ECHOES OF KINGFISHER - Lee's Barbershop

### Where the Past Meets the Present—Exploring Kingfisher's History

John Gilmour shared the story of his uncle, Finis Lee, who owned the barbershop depicted in the picture. Finis was the husband of John's mother's sister, Jewell. Judging by the cars in the photo, he likely began renting the building sometime in the 1930s, though John does not know who owned the building at the time. John's earliest memory of the shop was getting a haircut there as a small child. In the 1940s and early 1950s, Finis worked with Herb Pierson and his sons in the Anheuser Busch building, which is now the Pioneer HQ. Later, he ran a barbershop in Dover until his retirement.

The next owner John can recall was Archie Stetler, who operated a radio and TV repair business in the 1950s. Following Archie's death, John purchased the building from the family in the mid-1960s and remodeled it, replacing the wooden floor with concrete and making other upgrades, including the storefront. The first tenant was a beauty shop owned by Eva Mae Little, which was later run by her daughter-in-law. After that, Ruth Ellison operated her ceramic shop there for a time before moving across the street to a larger building.

Over the years, the building has housed a variety of businesses, including several beauty shops, another barbershop, a gun shop, an engineering office, a church, a dog grooming business, and others that John might have forgotten. The building was rarely empty, often serving as a successful startup location for many businesses. As he got older, John began divesting some properties and eventually sold the building to his tenant, Lynelle McCormick, who currently runs her dog grooming business, Central Bark, there.

As a side note, the building now occupied by Ace Hardware was once a Ford dealership owned by Dick Post, and the section of the building next to the alley was the Ford Implement dealer owned by Ray Lee (who is not related to Finis). This part of the building was also where Dorsey Brown started OKT Trailers. Information and photo provided by John Gilmour. Have a bit of history you want to share? Send us your stories! [maitland@allaboutok.com](mailto:maitland@allaboutok.com)



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