THE TEACHER'S PATH

by AAK Maitland Pickle

Makylah (Endres) Henton, a teacher at Kingfisher Heritage Elementary, has always known she wanted to be a teacher. Her journey began in Mrs. Yost's first-grade classroom, where she discovered the joy of using chalk to decode words on the chalkboard. Growing up in Kingfisher, she had incredible teachers who nurtured her love for education, including Mrs. Pam Combs, who played a big role in her love for teaching. Makylah also acknowledges how fortunate she was to have parents who consistently encouraged her passion for school.

After graduating from Kingfisher High School in 2011, Makylah attended Oklahoma State University (Go Pokes!). She earned her degree in Elementary Education in 2014 and took her first teaching job at Hennessey Elementary. Just a year later, she was given the opportunity to return home to Kingfisher (thank you, Mrs. Kadavy). Since then, she

has dedicated nearly a decade to shaping young minds.



In 2019, Makylah married Matthew Henton, who is originally from Bartlesville. Together, they have three children: two sons and a daughter. Their oldest, Wyatt, is in Pre-K at Gilmour Elementary, while their younger two, Jhett and Huttsyn, attend Little Stingers Daycare.

Throughout her ten years of teaching, Makylah has primarily taught two grades: 3rd and 4th. With nine of those years spent in 3rd grade, she has truly found

her sweet spot. Students in this age group are learning independence and developing a bit of sass (in the best way) while still adoring their teacher. This is the stage where the focus shifts from learning to read to reading to learn. Mrs. Henton's favorite part of teaching is helping students discover the joy of reading and witnessing the spark it ignites in them. A whole new world opens up, allowing them to dive into their imaginations.

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EXCITING NEWS AT KINGFISHER

Kingfisher Family Eyecare is thrilled to announce that Dr. Peyton Isbell will be joining their team at Kingfisher Family Eyecare this week! Starting this Friday, March 7th, Dr. Isbell will be seeing both new and established patients.

Dr. Peyton Isbell's upbringing in Waukomis, Oklahoma, instilled in her a deep sense of community and a desire to give back. She pursued a Bachelor of Science in Health Science at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, demonstrating her early commitment to healthcare. Dr. Isbell's academic achievements



led her to Northeastern State University College of Optometry, where she graduated in 2022.

With a focus on dry eye and myopia management, her clinical interests aim to improve her patients' quality of life through advanced eye care. Dr. Isbell brings fresh enthusiasm and a modern approach to treating the residents of her beloved Oklahoma in our practice.

Her hobbies outside of optometry include rollerblading and entertaining her rescue dog, Lou Lou. Dr. Isbell values the time spent with family and friends and even enjoys watching bad movies as integral parts of her life that keep her grounded. Her dedication to her profession and state shines through, promising innovative and compassionate care to her patients.

Dr. Isbell and Dr. Sikes both accept most vision plans, so don't hesitate to reach out and get scheduled for your next appointment. Whether you're due for an eye exam or need a new pair of glasses, they've got you covered!

Call 405-375-3128 to reserve your spot on Dr. Isbell's schedule!

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ACTS OF KINDNESS

A group of men from various churches came together to form a Bible study group. Taking advantage of the beautiful weather, they decided to assist in some yard work at Donna McPherson's home. Their task for the day was to remove a problematic tree. The group worked collaboratively, demonstrating a strong sense of community and service. Pictures provided.





SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

What a great turnout there was on February 23rd, for Toni Pickle's 80th Birthday. 'Twas an intimate celebration with close friends and family. The Pickle family would like to say thank you to each and every one of you that attended. It means the world. Thank you! photos by AAK Maitland Pickle







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ON YOUR MARK...

The Oklahoma Fire Fighters Burn Camp is an incredible organization dedicated to empowering kids aged 6 to 16 with scars or disfiguring burns, showing them that their challenges do not define their potential for success. The camp offers an invaluable one-on-one camping experience where children can learn life-saving techniques, forge lifelong friendships, and receive support from fellow burn survivors, nurses, and firefighters.

GET SET...

This year, the camp has identified a pressing need for monetary donations to cover camping costs to ensure the camp remains free to all participants. To address this need, Hunter has committed to donating 100% of the proceeds from the upcoming Blazin' Past Burns race to this important cause! Race participants—whether they choose to run fast, take a leisurely jog, walk, or even crawl—will receive a swag bag filled with goodies, a Blazin' Past Burns t-shirt, and a fantastic finisher medal.

Additionally, we'll host exciting raffles on race day for a chance to win a gift certificate for a 4-man Skeet Shoot at Cedar Gate, On Cloud shoes, and much more! Raffle Tickets will be \$3/ticket or 5 for \$10 for the smaller items, and the 4-man Skeet shoot will be \$25/ticket or 5/\$100. You can purchase them anytime from the Blazin' Past Burn team, during packet pickup, or on race day. The drawing will take place at 10:00 am on race day; you do not have to be present to win. Join us for a fun-filled and charitable day, where the entire Executive Board of the Oklahoma Fire Fighters Burn Camp will be in attendance.

GO!!

Mark your calendar for the 2nd annual Blazin' Past Burns 5K and mile run on March 22nd. Your participation not only supports a great cause but also helps make a difference in the lives of these remarkable kids! Register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/OK/Kingfisher/BlazinPastBurns



IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU! -

February Flower Recipient

All About Kingfisher has partnered with Designs by Dennis to honor an outstanding citizen each month! February's All About YOU flowers are dedicated to Debbie Burpo and here is why:

"Debbie does so much for the community! She has a wonderful servant's heart and loves everyone. She is very deserving of this recognition! Many appreciate all that she does for the town."



On behalf of All About Kingfisher & Designs by Dennis, we congratulate you, Debbie, for being nominated for just being yourself!

Stay tuned for March's All About YOU, Kingfisher - to nominate that extra special person in your life! We See You!! photos by AAK Maitland Pickle





Mrs. Jan Swart Crowned District Teacher of the Year

Each year, a teacher from every Kingfisher school is selected as their site's Teacher of the Year. After all the nominations are finalized, the district chooses one of these teachers to receive the honor of District Teacher of the Year. This year's District Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Jan Swart from Kingfisher High School. Mrs. Swart has consistently gone above and beyond, not only for her school but for the entire district. Congratulations, Mrs. Swart, on this remarkable achievement! Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed.





CARLY FRANKS: 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

For the better part of a decade, Carly Franks has diligently served on the Kingfisher Board of Education. During the School board's monthly meeting on March 3rd, Carly was presented with a plaque commemorating her service to Kingfisher Public Schools by the Board President, Charles Walker. In her 10 years on the board, she has held every position possible. When asked about her service, Carly replied, "It was a privilege to serve the district and the kids during my time with Kingfisher Public Schools." Thank you, Carly, for your service! Photo by KHS photography

Teachers Path continued

Her passion and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Makylah was honored as the Heritage Teacher of the Year for 2022-2023 and was recently recognized as an OERB Top 20 Teacher for 2024-2025. While she appreciates the awards, the real prize for her is the students.

For Makylah, the most special part of teaching is getting to know her students. Spending most of the day with them for an entire year creates special bonds. She says, "It's so fun to see them grow up, discover who they become, and watch them continue along their paths as they progress through school."

This school year is particularly special for her, as the very first class she taught in Kingfisher are now high school seniors, preparing to walk across the stage this May. She still remembers their sweet third-grade selves. "It has been a joy to see who they are now," Makylah reflects.

Outside the classroom, her life is equally fulfilling. She and her husband stay busy keeping up with their children. Whether they're chasing after them at home or cheering them on at their activities, being together is their favorite way to spend time.

MARCH 5TH LENTEN SERVICE

The Kingfisher Ministerial Alliance had their first of many Lenten Lunch services yesterday, March 5th at the Kingfisher Nazarene Church. Roughly 70 people were in attendance and got to hear a message from Kingfisher Mayor Geoff Covalt. Formation, Transformation, and Reformation were the topic of discussion for this Ash Wednesday. Mayor Covalt talked about how God is not done with us yet and how we need to show the love of Christ to those around us. The Kingfisher United Methodist church led worship and the United Women prepared the meal for those in attendance. Stop by next Wednesday, March 12th at 12pm for another Lenten Lunch service! photos by AAK Maitland Pickle

MARCH 12 -Lenten Lunch | 12pm - 1pm Kingfisher Church of the Nazarene



MISS KINGFISHER COUNTY

Contestant #1 is **Kate Curran from Hennessey High School**. She is the daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Curran. After graduation, Kate plans on attending a university out of state.

Kate's Platform Promise is titled Inspiring the Uninspired, which focuses on encouraging the future generation not to be focused on being perfect but on being kind. Kate will be performing a dance routine for her talent.

So far, throughout her high school journey, Kate has held an office every year. She was the president of her class during her Freshman and Sophomore years. This year, she is vice president for her Junior class. She plans on being the class president next



year as a senior. Ever since middle school, Kate has taken upper-level classes, and she is currently ranked first in her class at Hennessey. She is in the National Honor Society and has been an active member of the Student Council for all of her high school years.

Kate is also serving as co-captain for her school cheer team. During her Sophomore and Junior years, Kate ran cross country and competed at the state meet. She is a beginner dancer at RedLevé Dance Studio, where she also works. Kate has a heart for people and wants to make sure everyone around her feels loved and appreciated.



Contestant #2 is **Samantha Rivera**. Sami is the daughter of Hector and Alma Rivera. She is a Junior at **Lomega High School**. Sami also attends Chisholm Trail Technology Center where she is on the anatomage team. After high school and completing her degree, Sami plans on being an OB/GYN Sonographer and aspires to open up her own clinic.

Sami's Platform Promise is title Free Throws For Pink Bows which focuses on a fun community event to raise money for American Cancer Society, which was inspired by her mom friend's experience with breast cancer. Sami will be making a floral arrangement for her talent where each flower represents something special to her.

Sami is a proud Lady Raider, where the basketball team has received the honor of being state runner up in 2023 as well as receiving the title of State Champions in 2024. She is also a member of National Honor Society. Sami loves to spend her time helping people. She volunteers by collecting and taking donations to Sister BJ's Pantry as well as the local food bank. During the week, she works at Physical Therapy Central and then at Wheeler Brothers on the weekends. She is also an active member of the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Youth Group in Kingfisher and helps with the vacation Bible school every Summer.

Contestant #3 is **Chesney Black**. Chesney is the daughter of Jason and Valerie Black. She recently transferred to **Okarche High School** from Inman, Kansas, where she is a Junior. After graduation, Chesney plans on attending the University of Oklahoma to obtain a degree in Journalism and Mass Communication. She plans on pursuing a career in sports journalism.

Chesney's Platform Promise titled Adapting With Grace, where she wants to start a peer support group in Kingfisher county for all high school students to come together to learn to adjust, no matter what the life circumstance is. She will be performing a cheer dance routine for her talent.



Chesney is active in many areas of school. She is a part of the varsity softball team, which received a district champions title and was the regional runner-up for fast pitch. She was an honorable mention all-state as a designated hitter and all-league as well while she was in Kansas. She is also on the varsity cheer squad. Chesney is active in FCCLA and her journalism class where she photographs pictures for the yearbook. She is a state award-winning journalist and an active member of Quill and Scroll, an international society for journalism students. Chesney is also a member of the Okarche Beta Club. Since 7th grade, Chesney has been on the honor roll.

Chesney loves to travel and hopes to visit anywhere out of the country, but she also would love to go to Washington, D.C. ,soon.

all photos by Mikeys_Media

Contestant #4 is Valentina Insignares. Valentina is the daughter of Antonio DeLeon and Allyn Meza. She is a Junior at Kingfisher High School. Valentina plans on pursuing a degree in elementary education from Oklahoma State University.



Valentina's Platform Promise is titled Beauty without Barriers

which focuses on helping girls overcome insecurities so they don't let doubt and fear drive their decisions. She will be performing a cultural dance.

Valentina has a 4.0 GPA and looking to secure her spot as one of the top 10 for her graduating class next year. She is the secretary of the National Honor Society at her school, as well as the Junior class Student Council Secretary. Besides being a National Honor Society member, she is also a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society. Valentina is an active member of Students Stepping Up, and received the Young Writers Contest Anthology Award. She works at a local store in Kingfisher, as well as babysitting. When she started babysitting, Valentina realized her passion for kids, which inspired her to want to pursue a degree in education. To help others and her town, she always makes sure she does community service projects throughout the year.

After she graduates from Oklahoma State University, Valentina hopes to join the Au Pair Program in a foreign country, as well as visit her home country, Colombia.

Contestant #5 is Jocelyn Matousek. Jocelyn is the daughter of Dr. James Matousek and Sarah. She is a junior at Hennessey High School. After graduation, Jocelyn plans on obtaining a master's degree in environmental sciences, emphasizing agronomy or hydrology.



Jocelyn's Platform Promise is titled "I Speak for the Streams,"

which focuses on bringing awareness of the importance of keeping our environment healthy and clean. She will be performing a piano piece for her talent.

Jocelyn currently has a 4.0 and is ranked 1st in her class. She loves school so much that she could not tell you her least favorite subject. Her favorite, though, would be Biology. Jocelyn is active in choir and theatre with her school. She is also an active member of the National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, FCCLA and is on the varsity tack and cross country teams.

In her free time, Jocelyn likes to help out on her family farm and has a passion for organic gardening. She also volunteers at the Hennessey Public Library and is an active member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church Youth Group in Hennessey.

Jocelyn loves to travel and hopes to study abroad one day. She also has the goal of completing a research project as an undergrad.

GILMOUR GOOD BEE-HAVIOR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to your Gilmour Elementary School Good "BEE"-havior Students of the Week for February 10th through February 14th! Woohoo kiddos!



Front Row (left to right): Weston Mercer, Hanna Navy, Willow Eddy, Evelyn Thomas, Addisyn Brumley, Iker Guillen Naranjo, and Ethan Cypert. Back Row (left to right): Rylee Rother, Xander Rangel, Kinam Aguinaga Tores, Alison Ortega, Damian Covarrubias Avalos, Kinsler Wilczek, Stella Kannady, and Luke Giles. Information and photo provided by Niki Black.

GILMOUR GOOD BEE-HAVIOR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to your Gilmour Elementary School Good "BEE"-havior Students of the Week for February 24th through February 28th! Go kiddos!



Front Row (left to right): Kenna Pyle, Kamber Wilczek, Charlie Scott, Karlee Friesen, Braxton Patterson, Lillian Verkler-Thompson, Wyatt Henton, and Braylin Franco. Middle Row (left to right): Daphe Marcos, Ashlyn Ruhl, Amy Martinez, Bowen Mercer, Harper Vasquez, Gracen Kusik, Addyson Perkey, Kambri Ingram, Micah Richards, and Kenyan Cotton. Back Row (left to right): Jayde Longacre, Kaelyn Cox, Arlette Gomez, Sutton Myers, Alex Toepfer, Stella Kannady, KaDee Jane Jimenez, and Boston Long. Information and photo provided by Niki Black.



KUESTUDENTS OF FEBRUARY

Congratulations to your Kingfisher Upper Elementary School Students of the Month for February! Way to work kiddos!



Left to Right: Teegan Wittrock -6th; Saylor Shimanek- 6th; Liam Gomez- 4th; Hope Voth- 4th; Brooklyn Redwine- 5th; and Kruz Meyer-5th. Photo provided.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

by AAK Amy Smith

Kingfisher High School senior Colton Burns had an outstanding performance at this year's Northwest District Junior Livestock Show! winning several prestigious titles. Burns took home the Champion Division II Doe, Champion Division III Doe, and Champion Division III Wether awards, showcasing his dedication and skill in livestock showmanship.

8th grader, Rylan Burns, also made a mark at the event, earning impressive rankings with a 3rd Place in Class 2.3 Doe, 5th in Class 3.2 Doe, and 4th in Class 3.1 Wether. In addition to the Burns brothers, Kingfisher Sophomore, Savannah Hardison made waves in the competition, claiming the Reserve Division 1 Wether and Reserve Division 2 Doe awards. Congratulations to these young achievers, whose hard work and dedication to livestock raising continue to set a high standard in competitive agriculture. photos provided





TAKING CENTER STAGE... ALMOST!



Miss Kingfisher County, formerly known as the Distinguished Young Women, held its dress rehearsal on March 2nd, at the Hennessey Auditorium. The Miss Kingfisher County pageant is a non-profit scholarship event that celebrates inner beauty and intelligence while cultivating positive role models through lifelong personal development, encouraging young women to be bold and beautiful within their communities.

Five contestants—Kate Curran, Samantha Rivera, Chesney Black, Valentina Insignares, and Jocelyn Matousek—have dedicated the last eight weeks to preparing for their on-stage performances, which will take place on Sunday, March 9th, at 4 PM at the Hennessey Auditorium, located at 213 N Walnut. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any of the contestants or at the door. Photos by AAK - Amy Smith.







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March Events

COIN, TOKEN, & PAPER MONEY SHOW

March 7th-9th

XTREME BULLRIDING

March 15th

MONSTER TRUCKS

March 29th

BOY SCOUTS CAR SHOW

March 29th

CTTC ANNUAL APPRECIATION BANQUET

On February 26, 2025, the Chisholm Trail Technology Center (CTTC) hosted its Annual Appreciation Banquet, drawing a commendable turnout from the community. The event served as an opportunity to honor the dedication of CTTC's advisory members, staff, and supporters who contribute to the institution's mission of providing rigorous, reality-based education.

The evening commenced with advisory meetings, fostering discussions on enhancing CTTC's diverse programs. These meetings, attended by professionals from various fields, provided valuable insights into each program.

Following the meetings, attendees gathered for the banquet, which welcomed educators, business leaders, and professionals from across the state.

During the banquet, Pioneer Telephone Coop was named Business Partner of the Year 2024-2025. Blake Callaham, General Manager of Pioneer, accepted the award on behalf of the company.

The banquet had been postponed twice due to winter weather, but this time, Mother Nature cleared the way, making it a successful event.

The success of this year's banquet reflects the strong support and commitment from all stakeholders, reinforcing CTTC's role as a pivotal institution in technical education and workforce development.

Photos by AAK Jack Quirk



February 26th Chisholm Trail Technology Center named Pioneer Telephone Coop Business Partner of the Year 2024-2025 at their annual appreciation Banquet. Blake Callaham, General Manager of Pioneer accepted the award. Left to Right: Bill Taylor, Kurt Thomas, Daniel Craig, Blake Callaham, Mike Dobrinski, Mike Sanders. Photo by AAK Jack Quirk



CTTC WELCOMES NEW INSTRUCTOR

Struck is Spencer of Kingfisher graduate School, High having completed his studies in 2012. He graduated from the Canadian Valley Center's Technology Electrical Trades program in 2013. Currently, he works as an electrical contractor in Kingfisher County and the surrounding areas. In his free time, Spencer enjoys spending time with his family and working alongside his father on their family farm in Kingfisher. He is excited to announce that he will



teach the new Electrical Trades Program at Chisholm Trail Technology Center. photo by AAK Amy Smith

KINGFISHER 8TH GRADE TAKES A TOUR

One hundred fifteen eighth-grade students from Kingfisher Junior High had the valuable opportunity to visit and explore Chisholm Trail Technology Center. During their visit, the students experienced a close-up view of the diverse selection of courses and programs offered at CTTC, including hands-on fun and games with the instructors. Programs include: Welding, Automotive, Carpentry, Cosmetology, IT & Networking, Health Careers, Pre Engineering, and Digital Technologies. by AAK Amy Smith



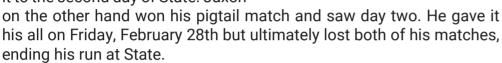
PIONEER TELEPHONE TRAINS AT CTTC

Pioneer Telephone staff participated in Confined Space and Trenching and Shoring training to learn how to safely enter and exit tight spaces and trenches as part of their work. Steve Sexton led the training as part of the ARPA Broadband Grant partnership between Pioneer Telephone Coop - Main and Chisholm Trail Technology Center.

2025 STATE WRESTLING QUALIFIERS

After participating in Girls Regionals and Boys 3A West Regionals 3 Kingfisher wrestlers qualified for State. That trifecta consisted of Rylee Hamil, Jaxon Sheppard, and Jose Santoyo. Rylee and Jose placed 5th at Regionals in their respective weight classes while Jaxon Sheppard placed 1st in his. The trio headed to State this past weekend February 27th through March 1st.

Both Rylee and Jose put up a fight but ended up losing their pigtail matches and were unable to make it to the second day of State. Jaxon



While this outcome was not what the athletes had hoped for, all three should take pride in their achievement of making it to the Big House. Qualifying for State is an accomplishment in itself. photos by AAK Maitland Pickle















4A GIRLS REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to your Kingfisher Girls Basketball team on becoming the 4A Girls Regional Champions. The Lady Jackets headed into regionals this past week as the District Champions and took care of business the night of February 27th beating the Mannford Lady Pirates 65 to 21 ensuring their presence at the Regional Championship game. During the said championship game on March 1st the Kingfisher girls beat the Weatherford Lady Eagles 56-27. The Lady Jackets now move onto Area play and will go head to head with Fort Gibson on Friday, March 7th at 6pm in Stroud. Way to go Ladies! photos by AAK Maitland Pickle

REDEMPTION

March 3rd, 2025, was a day of redemption for me. Back in December, I dressed up as the Grinch, loaded up Max, my faithful dog, and off we went to school. We visited Mrs. Hagar's pre-K class and the StoryTime class at the Kingfisher Library. Unfortunately, the Grinch wasn't received as well as I had hoped; I even scared a few of the little ones. I think things got worse when I took off my Grinch mask!



Transitions by Bonny Flesher

Dr. Seuss was born on March

2nd, 1904, and this week his birthday was being celebrated at Gilmour Elementary and the Kingfisher Library. Naturally, I had to put on my Cat in the Hat costume and join in the festivities. I couldn't walk through the halls without stopping for a photo shoot! When I finally arrived at Mrs. Hagar's classroom, I was greeted by her little ones, who were wearing paper hats that matched mine. It was also sock day, so they proudly

showed me their colorful socks.



I read them the book "The Cat in The Hat Comes Back," which features Cat A, Cat B, and others throughout the alphabet, ending with a giant "VOOM." Somewhere during the story, the kids broke into an unprompted song, singing the letters of the alphabet to me. Behind the little ones, I could see a glow around Mrs. Hagar and a smile of pride on her face.

After my time at Gilmour Elementary, I ventured to story time at the

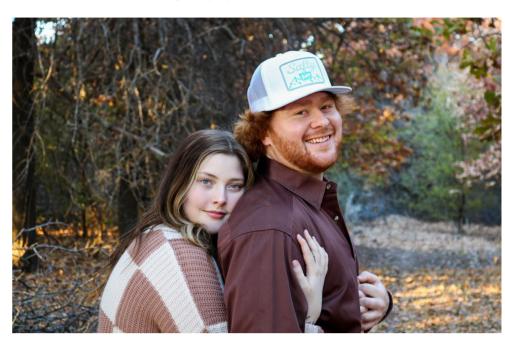
Kingfisher Library. The kids there were a bit more cautious, keeping me in sight as they went about their activities, always making sure their moms were nearby! However, as time went on, I started getting some high-fives. When I left, they were busy coloring their paper hats, and I honestly felt a sense of redemption.

The only mishap during my adventure as a cat was that I lost my tail! I noticed my 3-year-old friend Violet Snow wearing a Wicked t-shirt, so I started a conversation by asking if she had seen the movie. In her adorable 3-year-old voice, she replied that she had watched it with her mommy on TV. She went on to say she liked Glinda and Elphaba because they became friends even though they were different. Yes, Violet is only 3 years old, and I asked again! When I grow up, I want to be just like Violet!

Honestly, whenever I dress up in these crazy costumes, I always come home with stories and lessons that little ones can teach! Now, if I could just find my tail.



A Spotlight on Newly Engaged Couples



Meet Tia & Logan - A Love Story Meant to Be

In this column, we are celebrating the engagement of 2022 Kingfisher High School graduate, Tia Thompson and Logan Mills, a 2019 graduate of the same institution. A couple who despite growing up in the same town all their lives found each other later in life. Their story proves that sometimes, all it takes is one moment of curiosity to spark forever.

The Beginning -

The couple first met in March of 2024. Their relationship began shortly after when Logan, eager to learn more about the girl who had caught his eye, asked Tia's manager for her name. From that moment on, they have been inseparable.

The Proposal -

The pair went on a vacation with the groom-to-be's family to Red River this past January where Logan had planned the perfect surprise. While strolling through town one night, the couple took a peaceful detour down by a creek just before sunset. When Logan was sure he had found the best spot he got down on one knee and asked the question that would change their lives forever. Which Tia happily exclaimed yes to.

The Plans -

Now, the couple is looking ahead to their big day—December 20, 2025! As they prepare to say "I do," they're excited to celebrate their love with family and friends.

Congratulations, Tia & Logan!

Are you newly engaged or know someone who is? Submit your engagement story to be featured in next week's column! maitland@allaboutok.com



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CALENDAR EVENTS

Friday, March 7
Area Basketball in Stroud (Day 2/3)
5 - 8:30pm Soccer at Bristow
6 - 7pm Girls Basketball at Stroud

Saturday, March 8
Area Basketball in Stroud (Day 3/3)
8 – 9am Men's Bible Study at the Naz
1 – 5pm Pine Wood Derby at Okarche
Lutheran

Sunday, March 9
Daylight Saving Time starts
STING Benefit Day at Sunrise Cafe
4 – 5pm Miss Kingfisher County at the
Hennessey Auditorium

Monday, March 10
Parent-Teacher conferences (Day 1/2)
2 - 3pm Sewing Together at the Naz
3:15 - 6:15pm Parent/Teacher
Conferences
5 - 8pmGED Classes at Jacket Academy
5:30 - 6:30pmKingfisher City Council
Kingfisher City Hall
6 - 7pmCompassion Clinic
6:30 - 7:30pm Grief Share at the Baptist
First Baptist Church Kingfisher
7:30 - 8:30pm Come & Go Prayer at the
Naz Church of the Nazarene

Tuesday, March 11
Parent-Teacher conferences (Day 2/2)
FFA OYE (Day 1/11)
STUCO Blood Drive APB 9-1
8th Grade OKC Memorial Field Trip
3:15 - 6:15pm Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Wednesday, March 12
FFA OYE (Day 2/11)
HS Band OSSAA District Contest
OSSAA District Vocal Contest

a Carl Albert
12 - 1pm Kingfisher Community
Collaborative Meeting
12 - 1pm Lenten Lunches at the

Nazarene Church

5 - 8pm GED Classes at Jacket Academy

Thursday, March 13
FFA OYE (Day 3/11)
HS Band Trip TBA (Day 1/4)
4A State Basketball at the Big House
(Day 1/3)
11am – 12pm Chamber Ambassador
Luncheon

Friday, March 14
FFA OYE (Day 4/11)
HS Band Trip TBA (Day 2/4)
4A State Basketball at the Big House
(Day 2/3)
Spring Break (Day 1/10)
SPRING BREAK (Day 1/8)
No School
Spring Break

Saturday, March 15 FFA OYE (Day 5/11) HS Band Trip TBA (Day 3/4) 4A State Basketball at the Big House (Day 3/3) Spring Break (Day 2/10)

Sunday, March 16 FFA OYE (Day 6/11) HS Band Trip TBA (Day 4/4) Spring Break (Day 3/10) SPRING BREAK (Day 3/8)

Monday, March 17
FFA OYE (Day 7/11)
Spring Break (Day 4/10)
St. Patrick's Day
5 - 8pm GED Classes at Jacket
Academy
6:30 - 7:30pm Grief Share at the
First Baptist Church Kingfisher
7 - 8pm Elks Lodge Meeting
7:30 - 8:30pm Come & Go Prayer
at the Naz Church of the Nazarene

Tuesday, March 18
FFA OYE (Day 8/11)
Spring Break (Day 5/10)
SPRING BREAK (Day 5/8)
9am – 4pm DHS Bus at Kingfisher
Methodist
6:30 – 7:30pm Sewing Together at
the Naz

Wednesday, March 19
FFA OYE (Day 9/11)
Spring Break (Day 6/10)
12 – 1pm Lenten Lunches at the
Nazarene Church
5 – 8pm GED Classes at Jacket
Academy

Thursday, March 20 FFA OYE (Day 10/11) Spring Break (Day 4/5)

Friday, March 21 FFA OYE (Day 11/11) Spring Break (Day 8/10)

AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY! Post 5 Commander Kirchner invites ALL American Legion members and veterans, along with their plus one, to celebrate the American Legion's 106th birthday! Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM Kingfisher Elks Lodge, Elks Ave & Highway 33 W, Kingfisher A short meeting will be held, followed by the POW-MIA ceremony. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Please RSVP by Tuesday March 1st with the number of attendees so that we can plan accordingly. Email us at kingfisherpost5@gmail.com or call/text 405-699-1081.



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