

# KINGFISHER WEEKLY



## What's Happening Kingfisher

### Friday, September 12

JH Football w/ Clinton @Home-5/6:30 (Day 2/2)

HS Football w/ Clinton @ Home-7pm

### Saturday, September 13

8:15 – 9:15am HS XC at North Rock Creek

K-Town Krusiers Cruise Main 6 PM

### Monday, September 15

HS Softball @ Bishop McGuinness-5PM

JV Football w/W'ford @ Home-

5 – 8pm GED Classes at Jacket Academy

5:30 – 8:30pm Flag Football at Briscoe

6 – 7:30pm 9th & JV Football vs Weatherford (H)

6:30 – 7:30pm Grief Share at the First Baptist Church

7:30 – 8:30pm Come & Go Prayer at the Church of the Nazarene

### Tuesday, September 16

HS Softball w/W'Ford @ Home-5PM

JH Softball @ W'Ford-5PM (Day 1/2)

9am – 4pm DHS Bus at Kingfisher Methodist

### Wednesday, September 17

JH Softball @ W'Ford-5PM (Day 2/2)

5 – 8pm GED Classes at Jacket Academy

### Thursday, September 18

HS Softball @ Clinton-5PM

JH Softball-Pioneer Tourn. - TBA (Day 1/4)

JH Football w/ El Reno @ Home 5:30/7 (Day 1/2)

GILMOUR FALL PICTURE DAY (Day 1/2)

5:30 – 7pm JH Football vs El Reno (H)

### Friday, September 19

JH Softball-Pioneer Tourn. - TBA (Day 2/4)

JH Football w/ El Reno @ Home 5:30/7 (Day 2/2)

GILMOUR FALL PICTURE DAY (Day 2/2)

HS Football w/ Bridge Creek @ Home-7PM

Football Homecoming

7 – 8pm HS Football vs Bridge Creek (H)

### Saturday, September 20

JH Softball-Pioneer Tourn. - TBA (Day 3/4)

HS Cheer- Regionals

HS Cross Country @ Hennessey 8:30

JH Cross Country @ Hennessey 8:30 (Day 1/2)

8am – 12pm Kingfisher Farmer's Market

8:30 – 9:30am HS XC at Edmond Santa Fe

### Sunday, September 21

JH Softball-Pioneer Tourn. - TBA (Day 4/4)

JH Cross Country @ Hennessey 8:30 (Day 2/2)

Sat Sep 13	Sun Sep 14	Mon Sep 15	Tue Sep 16	Wed Sep 17	Thu Sep 18	Fri Sep 19
<b>93</b> 69°F	<b>94</b> 71°F	<b>93</b> 70°F	<b>87</b> 70°F	<b>87</b> 70°F	<b>86</b> 68°F	<b>86</b> 69°F
Broken clouds.	Partly cloudy.	Afternoon clouds.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Showers early. Morning clouds.	Afternoon clouds.

September 12, 2025

# Chamber Highlights Growth, Partnerships at City Council Meeting

**Kingfisher Chamber of Commerce** Executive Director Shauna Rupp updated the Kingfisher City Council on Monday, September 8, outlining the Chamber's impact on tourism, business growth, and community engagement.

Rupp said the Chamber's work has boosted local revenue, filled hotel rooms during events, and increased membership from 138 six years ago to 265 today. She highlighted stronger partnerships with the city, including the State of the City address and upcoming State of the School with Chisholm Trail Technology Center.

Media coverage has expanded through Oklahoma City outlets, with plans to brand Kingfisher as a "Christmas town." Rupp also noted efforts to attract a second grocery store following United's departure.

City officials praised Rupp's leadership, with the City Manager calling her one of the top chamber directors he has worked with. Watch the complete video on [AllAboutKingfisher.com](http://AllAboutKingfisher.com)



Executive Director

## WELCOME TO THE COMMISSION

We are thrilled to celebrate Tammy Sammons on being sworn in as your next City Commissioner! Your dedication and commitment to our community are truly inspiring, and we can't wait to see the positive impact you'll make in this new role.



## Commission Denies Rezoning Request for Proposed Strip Mall

On September 8, the Kingfisher City Commission denied developer Mike Matthews' request to rezone property in the 1000 block of U.S. Highway 81 for a strip mall, despite planning board approval. Community Development Director Linda Garcia urged following the city's zoning plan, while Matthews argued the project would boost sales tax revenue. Commissioner Kyle Mecklenburg supported the proposal, but others raised long-term concerns. Watch the entire video on [AllAboutKingfisher.com](http://AllAboutKingfisher.com)



## KTOWN KOVE 2025 WINTER SWIM HOURS

With summer wrapping up, Ktown Kove Aquatic Center is diving into winter fun!

Come stay active, warm, and healthy all winter long—there's a swim time for everyone!

- Lap Swim: 6 AM - 12 PM (Fridays until 11 AM)
- Water Aerobics: Tues. - Thurs. 8-9 AM
- Public Open Swim: Tues. & Thurs. 4-6 PM, and Saturdays, 12-5 PM
- Private Parties & Rentals: Sundays
- Closed on Mondays

**Don't let the cold keep you away ~ jump in and make a splash this winter!**



## COFFEE, CONNECTIONS & A SWEET SURPRISE

Thursday, September 4th, coffee vibe at **81 Bakehouse** drew around 70 people for a lively morning of networking, conversation, and, of course, coffee, cookies, and scones. As usual, attendees went around the room introducing themselves, with our gracious hosts Stetson Bentley Real Estate, Cornerstone Insurance, and 81 Bakehouse going last. The Chamber team shared updates on upcoming events, "busiversaries," and open spots in the Leadership Circle class.

The highlight of the morning came when the group broke into "Happy Birthday" for the Chamber's fearless leader, Shauna Rupp. Thanks to the ever-talented Tiffany Jones, who wears many hats in our community, Shauna was treated to a homemade cake that made the celebration extra sweet.



## Dover Students Sharpen Photo Skills

On Thursday, September 4th, Dover High School's yearbook class welcomed Jack Quirk, founder of the All About Network, and multimedia journalist Maitland Woody for a hands-on photo workshop.

The class recently received a grant to purchase new cameras and editing software, giving students the tools they need to take their yearbook production to the next level.

Quirk used sample images to demonstrate proper framing



techniques in a variety of settings, offering practical tips students can apply immediately. He plans to meet regularly with the class throughout the year as they gather photos and stories for the 2025–26 yearbook.

Photo by Maitland Woody.

*Presented by Hennessey United*

## 14th ANNUAL HENNESSEY Wine & Chocolate Festival

Memorial Park  
North Main Street  
Saturday, October 4, 2025  
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



The 14th Annual Hennessey Wine & Chocolate Festival has grown into a signature Oklahoma tradition, attracting hundreds of visitors from across the state to Hennessey Memorial Park. Recognized as the official Oklahoma State Wine Festival, the event offers more than 100 wines from over 20 wineries, paired with gourmet chocolates, delicious food, and live music in a beautiful outdoor setting. Winery booth space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests must be 21 to sample wine and present a valid driver's license to receive a wristband. For more information, contact Dagan Hardin at 405-853-0191 (wine) or Tracie Macy at 405-853-1545 (chocolate). [click here to order tickets online](#)

# IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!

## August Flower Recipient

All About Kingfisher has once again partnered with Designs by Dennis, to shine a spotlight on an extraordinary member of our community! Shauna Rupp.

Shauna Rupp goes above and beyond for the Kingfisher community. Known for being organized, kind, and always willing to lend a helping hand, her efforts make both the town and chamber stronger and more connected

She has a big heart and works tirelessly to support and uplift the local business community. Shauna continually puts others first, and it's clear to anyone who knows her just how much she cares. Her dedication and love for this community run deep. She pours her heart into everything she does, making her more than deserving of this special recognition.

On behalf of All About Kingfisher and Designs by Dennis, we proudly congratulate Shauna. Thank YOU for all that YOU do! Stay tuned for October's All About YOU, Kingfisher, who will we surprise next?



# Recognizing Kingfisher Students



## GILMOUR GOOD BEE-HAVIOR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to your Gilmore Elementary School Good "BEE"-havior Students of the Week for September 1st through September 5th! Keep being awesome!

Front Row (row left to right): Rance Lippoldt, Patience Soto Sanchez, Elliott Duran, Maci Isom, Rhett Ince, Adler Meacham, Nicholas Perkey, and Emilia Padilla. Middle Row (left to right): Henley Smith, Luke Howard, Daniel Perez Tostado, Gracely Johnson, Ashlyn Ruhl, Camila Perez, Kinsley Shuman, Steel Farrar, Evelyn Jordan, and Jude Stutts. Back Row (left to right): Gracen Kusik, Addyson Perkey, Asher McElhaney, Kaiden Knapski, Zayne Hertensen, Liliana Schmidt, Kaelyn Cox, Valentine Rodriguez, and Rhea Long. Photo and information provided by Niki Black and Teneille Rother.

## Chris Cameron on the Changing World of Auctions

In a recent webshow, Chris Cameron of Lippard Real Estate & Auctions shared his journey from the insurance industry to becoming a full-time auctioneer and real estate professional. Growing up attending auctions with his father, Cameron developed a fascination for the fast-paced world of bidding. Encouraged by mentor Troy Lippard, he attended the Missouri Auction School, earning both his auctioneer credentials and real estate license.

Cameron discussed the dramatic shift in the auction industry over the past decade. What once required setting up tents, dragging out tables, and braving the weather has now largely moved online. Today, auctions regularly attract tens of thousands of virtual visitors, far beyond what a local live event could draw. He noted that the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated this shift, transforming the business into a year-round, nonstop operation supported by dedicated teams in Enid.



One of the biggest myths, Cameron explained, is that auctions are only "fire sales." In reality, auctions often exceed seller expectations, creating excitement that can drive prices higher than traditional listings. For buyers, his advice is simple: watch an auction before bidding to understand the rhythm and pace.

Cameron credits Lippard Real Estate & Auction's strong reputation to their adaptability, teamwork, and customer-focused service. Catch the full webshow on [allaboutkingfisher.com](http://allaboutkingfisher.com)

# YELLOWJACKETS

## KJH SOFTBALL 2025

Meet your Kingfisher Junior High Lady Jacket Softball team. The JH Lady Jackets have officially kicked off their 2025 softball season, beginning play in the second week of August. The team has already shown determination on the field and continues to build momentum as the season progresses.

Their next home game is scheduled for September 22nd when they will take on the Enid.

This year's roster includes Sophia Altamirano, Kortnee Brady, Lexie Craig (Manager), Geraldine Cuellar, Nathalia Cuellar, Addy Davis, Sophie Ellis, Addison Francis, Eva Franco, Avery Harder, Kenli Hodge, Abigail Jackson, Dylann Laird, Emma Munoz, Paige Murray, Karen Ortega, Shaileigh Ortiz, Carly Richardson, Valeria Rodriguez, Brinkley Taylor, Suttyn Tollefson, and Annie Wehba.

The team is led by coaches Edsall, Wittrock, and Steed. The Junior High Lady Jackets are ready to bring energy, effort, and competitiveness to every game this season.



## A Tale of Two Games for the Junior High Lady Jackets

The Junior High Lady Jackets experienced the highs and lows of competition this week.

On Thursday, September 4th, the Lady Jackets came out strong against the Weatherford Eagles, playing with determination and consistency to secure a hard-fought victory. They scored steadily throughout the game—1 run in the 1st inning, 2 in the 2nd and 3rd, 1 in the 4th, and 2 more in the 5th. The Eagles managed 1 run in the 1st inning and rallied for 6 in the 4th, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Lady Jackets' relentless offense. Afterward, the B team took the field, keeping the energy high and having fun while giving it their all.

But on Monday, September 8th, the Lady Jackets faced a tougher challenge against the OKC Broncos. Despite their efforts, they came up short as the Broncos took the win 8-1.

The Lady Jackets remain determined and look forward to bouncing back in their next game.

Photos by AAK Maitland Woody



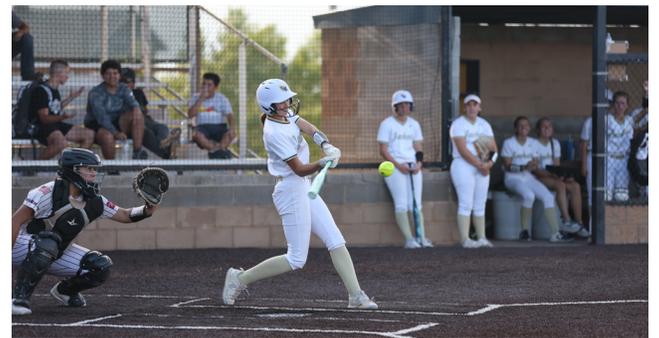
## KHS CHOIR HOSTS ANNUAL ALL-STATE WORKSHOP



The Kingfisher High School Choir hosted its annual all-state workshop on Saturday, August 23, with more than 100 students from across Oklahoma attending. Clinicians Dr. Karsten Longhurst (OCU) and Mr. Kenneth Stock (Edmond North

HS & Canterbury Youth Voices) helped prepare students for upcoming auditions. Special thanks to Mrs. Owens for providing rehearsal space. Funds raised will support the HS choir's trip to New Orleans for national competition. Information and photos by Diann Magnus.

## KHS SOFTBALL REINS IN THE BRONCOS



Your Kingfisher High School Softball girls dominated the field Monday, September 8th, shutting out the OKC Broncos with a 7-0 victory!

# Yellowjackets Battle to the End in Overtime Thriller

Our Kingfisher Yellowjackets opened their 2025 football season on Friday, September 5th, traveling to take on the Weatherford Eagles. And what a way to start the year—it was an absolute thriller from start to finish.

Heading into the 4th quarter, Kingfisher trailed by 14 points. With just over 9 minutes left, Jhett Birdwell connected with Brody Boeckman on a clutch pass, and Rhett Schlegel drilled the extra point to cut the deficit to 14-21. Then, at the 8:30 mark, disaster struck for Weatherford: a costly fumble recovered by Brett Calamateo gave the Yellowjackets new life.

On the very next play, Birdwell launched a strike from Kingfisher's 27-yard line to Boeckman at Weatherford's 39. Boeckman did the rest, taking it all the way to the end zone. With Schlegel's extra point, the game was tied, and the Jackets stormed into overtime with all the momentum.

In the extra period, the Eagles came out swinging again and put points on the board early. The Jackets answered right back with a touchdown of their own and went for two, but the pass fell incomplete. It wasn't the outcome we hoped for, but there is nothing to be upset about. Our Yellowjackets fought hard, never quit, and gave us a game to be proud of to kick off the season.



## BIG WIN FOR THE 5TH & 6TH FOOTBALL TEAM

The Kingfisher 5th & 6th grade football team kicked off their season on Thursday, September 4th with an away game against the Watonga Eagles. The Jackets dominated the field, defeating the Eagles 43-14 to secure their first win of the season. Way to go, Jackets! We can't wait to see what you accomplish this season. Photos and information provided by Brian Long.

## JUDITH JANE WILLIAMS BERNHARDT OBITUARY

February 3, 1941 – September 4, 2025

**Judith "Judy" Jane Williams Bernhardt**, age 84, of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, passed away on September 4, 2025, in Kingfisher. She was born on February 3, 1941, in Kingfisher to Howard and Jean Williams and was the second of nine children.

On June 2, 1958, Judy married the love of her life, Harold Bernhardt, and together they shared 67 years of marriage, building their life around farming and cattle operations. Judy was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who found joy in supporting her family and creating a home filled with warmth and love.



She was a proud 50-year member of the Omega EHG and enjoyed sharing her talents with others. She helped teach sewing schools, passing along skills to her daughter and friends, and was a familiar face at vacation Bible school at the Federated Church. Judy was also well-known for her fantastic cooking, her full pantry stocked with the right snacks and drinks, and her ability to make everyone feel welcome at her table.

Independent and resourceful, Judy never waited on others to accomplish what needed to be done—whether it was building a sidewalk or taking on new hobbies, she approached life with determination and self-sufficiency.

Judy is survived by her husband, Harold; her daughter, Robin Rother, and son-in-law, Tim Rother; her grandchildren, Justin Rother and wife Tresa Endres-Rother, Ryan West and husband Aaron West, Jared Rother and wife Jaime Rother, and Randi Muniz and husband Daniel Muniz; and her great-grandchildren Tyson Endres, Jalie Rother, Jadyne Rother, Cody Endres, Journey Rother, Blake Endres, Jesse Rother, Emory West, Easton West, Enslie West, Naomi Rother, Mattea Rother, Judith Muniz, and Lucia Muniz. She is also survived by sisters Linda & Danny Darling, Norma & Bob Rife, and Barbara Sawyer; siblings-in-law Mary Williams, Elaine Williams, Carolyn Williams, and Jim Strack; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, David Bernhardt; great-granddaughter, Whitley Rother; siblings Dusty Williams, Sharon Strack, Ronnie Williams, Carla Fairbanks, and Joe Williams; brother-in-law, Charles Sawyer; her in-laws, Robert and Clara Bernhardt; and brother and sister in laws, Art & Evelyn Fry and Vernon & Clella Bernhardt. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025, at Kingfisher Cemetery, under the direction of Sanders Funeral Service.

The family would like to thank Russell Murray Hospice and Kingfisher Mercy Hospital for the excellent care they gave their mom in her final days. Memorials can be made to Russell Murray Hospice, 202 N Main St, Kingfisher, OK 73750, and Lomega Education Academic Foundation, PO Box 1275, Kingfisher, OK 73750.



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