TODAY'S WEATHER
74° / 57°
Scattered thunderstorms · 85% rain

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YESTERDAY
0.03″
of rain at the Guthrie Mesonet

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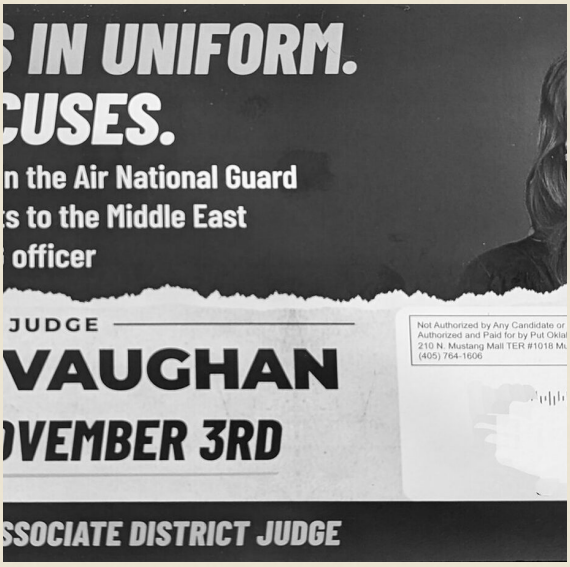
Dark Money Enters Logan County Judicial Race as Anti-Mazzei Group Moves to Support Incumbent Judge Diane Vaughan ↗

Logan County voters are receiving mailers supporting Associate District Judge Diane Vaughan from a political LLC that reported spending more than $5 million opposing Mike Mazzei in this year's Republican gubernatorial runoff.

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GUTHRIE, Okla. — (November 1, 2026) A campaign mailer sent by the dark-money group Put Oklahoma 1st, LLC, advocates for incumbent Logan County Associate District Judge Diane Vaughan, marking the first known involvement of dark money in a campaign for the traditionally low-profile county judicial office.

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First Capital Forecast ↗

Monday: Scattered thunderstorms, high 74, low 57. 70% chance of storms. Wind S 22 mph, gusts to 33. Sunrise 6:53 a.m., sunset 5:32 p.m.

"Thunderstorms and a gusty south wind arrive on an unseasonably warm day in the First Capital. Keep an umbrella close and an eye on the sky."

Mesonet Over the weekend at the Guthrie Mesonet, Saturday to Sunday: highs 64 to 73, lows 60 to 61, 0.03 inches of rain. mesonet.org ↗

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
61°	71°	63°	62°	62°
45°	46°	43°	44°	43°
cloudy	*sunny*	*20% rain*	*sunny*	*sunny*

Weather data from Google.

Your Morning Commute

Southbound I-35, Guthrie (Exit 157) to the I-40 junction: 33 minutes at 7:13 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound SH-74, Crescent to Lake Hefner Parkway: 45 minutes at 7:14 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound Broadway Extension, Edmond to downtown Oklahoma City: 19 minutes at 7:14 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound Broadway, SH-33 west of Guthrie to 2nd Street in Edmond: 25 minutes at 7:14 a.m. No slowdown.

Eastbound Waterloo Road, Broadway to I-35: 6 minutes at 7:14 a.m. No slowdown.

Westbound Waterloo Road, Douglas Boulevard to I-35: 3 minutes at 7:14 a.m. No slowdown.

Logan County Public Safety Radio ↗

These are over-the-air radio reports, not confirmed facts.

SAT 11:55 A.M. Truck slides in mud onto roadside poles on Midwest Boulevard near Triplett ↗
Sooner Fire

SAT 2:01 P.M. Deputies check report of gunfire aimed at loud music in Dobbs area ↗
Logan County Sheriff

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Key Takeaways

- Dark money enters the judicial race: Put Oklahoma 1st, LLC, which reported spending more than $5 million opposing Mike Mazzei, has sent a mailer supporting incumbent Judge Diane Vaughan. Its donors remain undisclosed.
- Consulting ties touch both sides: Vaughan's challenger, Sierra Pfeiffer, pays CAMP Political. The outside group supporting Vaughan previously paid Ideal Management, whose president KFOR identified as CAMP's chief operating officer.
- A familiar pattern returns: The article traces similarities and personnel connections to Sooner Conservatives Action, which intervened in Logan County's 2024 commissioner race and later reached a $14,000 settlement with the State Ethics Commission.

GUTHRIE, Okla. — In another campaign first for the county, dark money has entered Logan County's judicial campaign, targeting a position normally charged with overseeing mundane legal matters.

As Logan County voters were already casting their early in-person ballots, Put Oklahoma 1st, LLC, a newly formed Delaware company, sent voters a late-campaign advocacy mailer supporting incumbent Associate District Judge Diane Vaughan.

The Vaughan mailer reuses photography previously used by Vaughan and largely restates familiar campaign points, including her prosecutorial experience and military background.

The dark-money group, formed in July, does not publicly disclose its donors. Before entering the judicial race, its only publicly reported campaign activity was opposing Mike Mazzei ahead of his Republican gubernatorial runoff against Gentner Drummond. Until then, it appeared to serve a single purpose: the defeat of Mazzei.

The group's previous filings disclose a Mustang mailing address that leads to a pack-and-ship business offering mailbox rental; identify a single compliance officer, Dustin McIntyre, with a long history of involvement in political organizations, including dark-money operations; and disclose a combined $5,095,283.75 in spending opposing Mazzei. The expenditures include television and digital advertising, canvassing and direct mail.

The group's website still hosts three anti-Mazzei video spots ↗, including attacks on his tax record and support for the foreign-backed aluminum smelter project proposed near Inola.

In an October 20 investigation ↗, The Nevada Independent reported that McIntyre was listed as treasurer for nearly 80 PACs nationwide and was involved in a dark-money expenditure in that state promoting an unaffiliated candidate for Nevada governor as the *"AOC of Nevada."* The publication suggested the effort was a possible attempt to take votes away from the Democratic Party's candidate for governor.

In a 2023 Federal Election Commission settlement ↗, McIntyre, acting in his official capacity as treasurer of All For Our Country PAC, agreed to resolve a case concerning a missed 48-hour disclosure report for a $39,400 independent expenditure. The committee attributed the missed report to an internal error and agreed to a $1,975 civil penalty and compliance training.

Oklahoma's reporting calendar also requires qualifying noncommittee entities to disclose independent expenditures once spending reaches $5,000 or more in aggregate during the applicable pre-election reporting period. Activity between October 20 and November 3 is subject to next-business-day reporting. As of press time Saturday, The Capital had not located a report disclosing the Vaughan mailing through the state's Guardian portal, leaving local voters potentially uninformed about the specifics, even as election day nears. The mailing's cost and date of expenditure has not yet been established.

The Put Oklahoma 1st August filings do, however, disclose a vendor relationship that potentially reaches back into the Logan County contest.

The LLC reported paying Ideal Management in Sapulpa $522,505.18 for the mail campaign opposing Mazzei.

Ideal Management's website identifies Jarred Brejcha as president.

Brejcha was also central to a May KFOR investigation ↗ involving a different political group, Make Oklahoma Great Again, which ran an AI-generated advertisement depicting Mazzei with Hillary Clinton at a meeting that never happened.

KFOR reported that Brejcha founded that group and also served as chief operating officer of CAMP Political, the state's foremost political consulting firm, and the consulting firm working for Drummond's campaign.

CAMP Political has another client familiar to Logan County voters: Sierra Pfeiffer, Vaughan's opponent. As The Oklahoma State Capital previously reported, Pfeiffer's campaign-finance records identify payments to CAMP for consulting and advertising in her effort to defeat Vaughan.

That overlap places firms associated with the same political consultant in the records surrounding both sides of the judicial contest: Pfeiffer has paid CAMP, while the outside group supporting Vaughan previously paid Ideal Management for work in another race. Ideal Management's president is the same man KFOR identified in May as

chief operating officer of Pfeiffer's consulting firm.

However, as the details of Put Oklahoma 1st's Vaughan mailing have not yet appeared in the filings located by The Capital, it's unknown whether Ideal Management also produced that mailing—and who supplied the money to pay for it.

The Second Crossing of the Rubicon

This isn't the first entry of dark money into an otherwise traditionally low-key Logan County election. In 2024, dark money entered the Logan County District 2 race, playing a key role in defeating incumbent District 2 County Commissioner Charlie Meadows.

The series of dark-money mailers, sent by Sooner Conservatives Action, LLC, provided Meadows' opponent, Floyd Coffman, with a mail advocacy campaign. The group also sent *"attack"* mailers questioning Meadows over his efforts to seek an exemption for county commissioners from the Open Meeting Act and his aggressive advocacy for tax increment financing districts to fund roads.

A nearly two-year inquiry by The Capital has revealed that Meadows may have been collateral damage in the House District 32 election, where Sooner Conservatives Action was heavily engaged in electing powerful House Appropriations Chairman Kevin Wallace.

With the House district overlapping the commission district, Meadows, known to be influential in conservative political circles, stayed on the sidelines, never publicly endorsing challenger Jim Shaw, who eventually defeated the powerful appropriations chairman—a result that sent shock waves through the Capitol world.

Sooner Conservatives Action shares notable similarities with Put Oklahoma 1st, including a Delaware LLC legal structure through the same filing agent, the use of the same Fort Worth, Texas, television and digital advertising vendor, and the use of the same mail permit, *"MPP."*

But perhaps the most interesting connection between the groups was revealed in a November of 2025 filing in which Sooner Conservatives Action signed a $14,000 settlement agreement with the State Ethics Commission after the commission attempted to investigate the group's failure to file its disclosure reports. The group was described as initially unresponsive to the commission's inquiries until the commission subpoenaed a third-party vendor. That subpoena eventually exposed one of the parties behind the group: Joel Riter, who signed the agreement.

Riter's association with Dustin McIntyre, the only publicly identified individual associated with Put Oklahoma 1st, which just delivered the local advocacy mailer for Vaughan, was documented in an April 2025 municipal race in Silver Spring Township, Pennsylvania. There, McIntyre served as treasurer and Riter as chairman of Strong Silver Spring, a PAC reported to have sent nine mailers supporting candidates for the township board.

Notably, the Sooner Conservatives Action settlement agreement also exposed the identity of the group's attorney, Collin Walke, a former Democrat Oklahoma State Representative, known for his liberal views on an array of issues ranging from abortion to biological men participating in women's sports, and a self-described "**liberal, urban Democrat.**"

Though the reporting and public records offer glimpses of the consultants, vendors and political operatives connected to these groups. The identities of those supplying the money remain unknown.

For Logan County voters, that secrecy now reaches into the election of a local associate district judge, whose workload focuses largely on routine legal matters, child custody cases, civil disputes and low-level criminal charges. The mailer tells voters that one or more anonymous, sponsors want Vaughan on the bench. Who those sponsors are—and why this particular judicial race has drawn their attention—remains unknown as the county enters a new era in which dark-money mailers risk becoming the norm in every race, from the highest federal offices to the smallest local contests.

Read more "Simply Heartbreaking": 2014 Blog Post Offers Insight Into Logan County Judicial Candidate's Views on Same-Sex Parental Rights An archived 2014 post linked from Sierra Pfeiffer's LinkedIn profile criticized a same-sex parental-rights ruling as "simply heartbreaking," offering voters a look at the judicial candidate's earlier legal views. ↗

Read more State Records Reveal Controversial Election Consulting Firm's Involvement in Logan County Judicial Campaign Sierra Pfeiffer's payments to CAMP Political bring a controversial campaign firm—and the professional campaign tactics familiar in legislative races—into Logan County's traditionally low-key judicial elections. ↗

THE MORNING REPORT

GUTHRIE, Okla. — Good morning, First Capital, and happy Monday. We lead with breaking news: dark money has entered the Logan County judicial race, with an anti-Mazzei group moving to support incumbent Judge Diane Vaughan. Sunday afternoon, fire units were sent to a guardrail crash blocking a lane on southbound I-35 near mile marker 149, and overnight deputies were called to a road hazard on Highway 33 just east of Douglas. The county commissioners meet at 9 a.m., and Oklahoma Watch reports outside groups have spent $5.5 million on the state's midterm races, almost half with no traceable donor. Keep an umbrella handy for scattered storms and a gusty south wind.

YOUR GOVERNMENT MEETS TODAY ↗

Logan County: Board of County Commissioners' Regular Meeting, 9 a.m. ↗ The commissioners will consider a request from the Logan County Sheriff to spend $6,195.51 of opioid settlement money on a Promethean ActivPanel for substance use recovery therapy for inmates.

City of Guthrie: Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m. The commission will consider three requests for Certificates of Appropriateness: a new front door at 113 N. 2nd St., window signage for Little Chief Native Goods at 112 N. Division St....

City of Edmond: Board of Adjustment Meeting, 5:30 p.m. The Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on a request for a variance to the side yard setback for a property at 1405 Leawood Drive.

City of Edmond: Board of Appeals Meeting — cancelled.

LOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO

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SUN 12:03 A.M. Man taken into custody after reported assault in 1400 block of East Oklahoma
Guthrie Police

SUN 11:27 A.M. Two cows reported out near County Road 59 east of Highway 74
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 11:52 A.M. Truck and trailer reported blocking lane at Holly Hill and Simmons
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 1:11 P.M. Guardrail crash blocks lane on southbound I-35 near mile marker 149
Guthrie Fire

SUN 1:18 P.M. Caller seeks trespass notice against unwanted person
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 1:48 P.M. Deputies respond to reported trespass and disturbance on Barbara Drive
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 6:51 P.M. Man in custody after domestic report at OnCue
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 10:48 P.M. Road hazard removed from Highway 33 east of Douglas
Logan County Sheriff

ON THIS DAY · 1895

Guthrie businessmen form a social club devoted to whist

Thirty or more of Guthrie's professional and business men met on Friday night and signed on to form the Guthrie Club, meant to promote social and business ties and, under the American Whist League, correct play of whist. Harper S. Cunningham was made chairman, and a committee was named to rent and furnish rooms. Membership was to be limited to fifty.

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AT THE AIRPORT

Guthrie-Edmond Regional, 6:50 a.m. Sunday to 6:50 a.m. Monday: 8 takeoffs and 11 landings, by 6 aircraft.

A 2026 Textron Aviation Inc 525B (N517JM), owned by Jm-bac Holdings LLC of Midwest City, Oklahoma, landed at 11:21 a.m. Sunday.

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