TODAY'S WEATHER
61° / 45°
Cloudy · 20% rain

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YESTERDAY
1.15″
of rain at the Guthrie Mesonet

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LOCAL REPORT

In 4–3 Vote, Guthrie Historic Preservation Board Rejects Guthrie Business Owner's Request for Brick Storefront ↗

In a Victorian vs. Art Deco style debate, Jennifer Bozarth says she will appeal Monday night's Historical Preservation Board's ruling to the City Council—giving the council an opportunity to weigh in on the controversial preservation board's split decision.

By OSC Staff

Guthrie business owner Jennifer Bozarth returned to City Hall on Monday night in her attempt to keep a brick exterior at 220 E. Harrison Ave., the McNulty building.

It was the fourth time the matter had been before the commission since June, after Bozarth set about renovating the building and removing its glass-like, Art Deco-era Vitrolite tile exterior. That decision frustrated commission Chairman Valerie Duncan, who has repeatedly criticized the failure of the city's business owners to get preapproval for projects affecting building exteriors in the town's historic district.

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GUTHRIE, Okla. — (November 2, 2026) Local attorney Jeff Hirtzel and his wife, Carol, look on as Jennifer Bozarth returns to the Guthrie Historic Preservation Commission to make her case for retaining the brick exterior of the McNulty Building at 220 E. Harrison Ave.

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FIRST CAPITAL FORECAST ↗

Tuesday: Cloudy, high 61, low 45. 20% chance of rain. Wind WNW 19 mph, gusts to 28. Sunrise 6:54 a.m., sunset 5:31 p.m.

"After yesterday's heavy rain, cooler-than-normal air blows into the First Capital on a gusty wind. A jacket will feel good today, and the skies clear tonight."

Mesonet Yesterday at the Guthrie Mesonet: high 74, low 62, 1.15 inches of rain (0.57 inches at Marshall), winds gusting to 46 mph at 7:35 p.m. mesonet.org ↗

WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
69°	61°	64°	61°	69°
45°	42°	41°	41°	42°
sunny	*55% rain*	*mostly cloudy*	*sunny*	*sunny*

Weather data from Google.

YOUR MORNING COMMUTE

Southbound I-35, Guthrie (Exit 157) to the I-40 junction: 34 minutes at 7:20 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound SH-74, Crescent to Lake Hefner Parkway: 45 minutes at 7:20 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound Broadway Extension, Edmond to downtown Oklahoma City: 18 minutes at 7:20 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound Broadway, SH-33 west of Guthrie to 2nd Street in Edmond: 25 minutes at 7:20 a.m. No slowdown.

Eastbound Waterloo Road, Broadway to I-35: 6 minutes at 7:20 a.m. No slowdown.

Westbound Waterloo Road, Douglas Boulevard to I-35: 4 minutes at 7:20 a.m. No slowdown.

LOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO ↗

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

MON 7:32 P.M. **Piano reported in roadway on Western between Seward and Forest Hills** ↗

Logan County Sheriff

Dispatchers sent a deputy to a report of a large piano in the roadway on Western between Seward and Forest Hills, near the big bridge. The deputy reported it was on the west side of the road and out of the way.

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In 4–3 Vote, Guthrie Historic Preservation Board Rejects Guthrie Business Owner's Request for Brick Storefront

Duncan was joined by commission members Lisa Kennedy, Stephen Harrison and the newly appointed Matthew Knight in voting down fellow member Nathan Turner's motion to allow Bozarth to proceed with her plan to restore and maintain the building's brick, previously covered by the Vitrolite, as the exterior surface. Members Darrell Covington and Carol McPeek supported Turner's motion.

Bozarth, joined by family and friends, presented board members with an opinion provided to her by Acme Brick, stating the brick was designed to withstand harsh weather environments.

This opinion contrasted with what board member Lisa Kennedy had previously told Bozarth during the commission's October meeting. Then, Kennedy told Bozarth the brick wasn't designed to serve as an exterior surface, declaring it was *"basically like sandstone."*

However, commission members remained unable to get past the building's potential transition away from its original Art Deco style to brick. Carol Hirtzel, attending as a member of the public, suggested the brick was much more in line with the commission's mandate to protect the Victorian architecture dominant during the 1890–1910 pre-statehood and early capital city era than the Art Deco style of the 1920s and 1930s.

At one point, in a back-and-forth exchange with Duncan, Hirtzel suggested that if it were her building in question, she would file a case in federal court. This lead Kennedy, to tell Hirtzel, that she, Hirtzel could, as an alternative, purchase a building that wasn't in the historic district, suggesting the role of the board is to preserve the properties so that the city could get grants.

The question of the commission's role in the project, which lies at the far eastern edge of the historic district, has remained a consistent issue since the matter first came before the commission in June, when Guthrie city planner Dan Kassik told commission members the property was a noncontributing resource within the district.

Board members have, however, continued to express a strong affinity for the original Art Deco facade, declaring its removal the loss of one of the town's last remaining Art Deco facades. The commission has given Bozarth the option of either restoring the Vitrolite surface or covering the building in stucco, a surface members have deemed consistent with the Art Deco aesthetic.

Bozarth told the Capital after Monday's meeting that she plans to appeal the rejection to the City Council.

THE MORNING REPORT

GUTHRIE, Okla. — Good morning, First Capital, and happy Election Day. Monday evening, deputies were called to a report of a piano in the roadway on Western between Seward and Forest Hills, and Monday morning crews were sent to a motorhome that ran off southbound I-35 near mile marker 151, with no injuries reported. Yesterday's soaking left 1.15 inches of rain at the Guthrie Mesonet with gusts to 46 mph, and today turns cloudy and breezy. The Logan County Election Board meets at 10 a.m., the Historic Preservation Board issues a controversial split decision that's set to go before the City Council and OSC is tracking Oklahoma election results.

YOUR GOVERNMENT MEETS TODAY

Logan County: Excise Board Regular Meeting, 8 a.m. The Excise Board will consider cash fund estimates of needs for county cash accounts and several transfers of appropriations, including moving money from previous fiscal years into FY 2026-2027.

Logan County: Tax Roll Corrections Regular Meeting, 8:15 a.m. The board will consider petitions to correct erroneous property tax assessments and will set its schedule of regular meetings for 2027.

Guthrie Public Schools: Board of Education Special Meeting, 9 a.m. At this special meeting, the Guthrie school board will discuss long-range planning, communication practices, district policies, and the results of a parent communication survey.

Logan County: Election Board Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. On the day of the November 3, 2026 General Election, the Logan County Election Board will process and count absentee ballots.

City of Edmond: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider a final plat for Jackson Creek 2 east of Douglas Boulevard and a Community Wildfire Protection item...

LOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO

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MON 6:06 P.M. **Man found walking in northbound I-35 lanes near mile marker 162**

Guthrie Fire

Guthrie crews searched southbound I-35 near mile markers 163 and 164 for a man walking along the highway who reported alcohol withdrawal, but at first could not find him. After a second call, Medic 2 found a shirtless man walking south in the northbound lanes near mile marker 162. A deputy sheltered him in a patrol vehicle out of the rain before he was transported nonemergently.

MON 10:44 A.M. **Motorhome runs off southbound I-35 near mile marker 151; no injuries reported** ↗
Guthrie Fire

A motorhome went off southbound I-35 just south of mile marker 151, near the old weigh station, at 10:44 a.m., after a caller reported the driver appeared slumped over the wheel. Responders found it in the ditch and reported no injuries. Deputies reported a mile marker sign knocked down and several blown tires, and a heavy wrecker was called while the Oklahoma Highway Patrol handled the scene.

— OTHER TRAFFIC —

MON 9:08 A.M. Deputy collects bullet in follow-up to Burch Lane vehicle damage case ↗
Logan County Sheriff

MON 9:09 A.M. Cashion stop: Texas hit confirmed, custody transport and tow ↗
Cashion Police

MON 4:36 P.M. Vehicle hits construction barrier near Country Club and Highway 33 ↗
Logan County Sheriff

MON 5:51 P.M. Casey's alarm set off accidentally ↗
Guthrie Police

MON 8:19 P.M. Two welfare inquiries ended with both people reported okay ↗
Guthrie Police

MON 8:40 P.M. Car off southbound I-35 near mile marker 169 back on road ↗
Logan County Sheriff

MON 10:24 P.M. Job Corps student reported assaulted by two other students ↗
Guthrie Police

ON THIS DAY · 1906

Durant speaker urges Guthrie voters to elect Democrats to the convention

W. A. Durant of Durant, Indian Territory, spoke for two hours at the Guthrie city hall on Thursday night, urging a Democratic majority in the constitutional convention. He said the Indians of the eastern half of the new state would vote Democratic. It was his first visit to Guthrie, and he was most favorably impressed with the city.

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— LOCAL —

Edmond's Uncommon Ground Sculpture Park to feature famous Blue Dog sculpture ↗ NEWS 9

YMCA franchises Bee Healthy Cafe in OKC, plans for Edmond ↗ JOURNAL RECORD

Edmond Matters: A different way to get answers from City Hall ↗ EDMOND INBOX

Mid-Continent Geological Library celebrates 60 years in Edmond ↗ JOURNAL RECORD

— STATE —

Norman police find two people shot to death at apartment complex ↗ KOCO

Headlines: General Election today, Oklahoma's Operation Guardian & Westbrook jersey retirement ↗ KOSU

Track Oklahoma election results ↗ KFOR

— NATIONAL —

Why Tuesday's election results will define the final two years of Trump's presidency ↗ WASHINGTON EXAMINER

Federal judge tosses Trump admin Harvard admissions lawsuit, leaves door open to future challenge ↗ FOX NEWS

Democrats are on the brink of a blue tsunami, if the polls are right ↗ THE HILL

— INTERNATIONAL —

Mandelblit insists he approved Netanyahu indictment as defense challenges signature ↗ JERUSALEM POST

US strikes Iran's Qeshm Island as midterm elections start ↗ FRANCE 24

AT THE AIRPORT ↗

Guthrie-Edmond Regional, 6:50 a.m. Monday to 6:50 a.m. Tuesday: 4 takeoffs and 2 landings, by 6 aircraft.

Aerial patrol: 1974 Cessna 172M (N920AJ), owned by American Patrols Inc of Midland, Texas, took off at 7:41 a.m. Monday.

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