TODAY'S WEATHER
55° / 35°
Cloudy · 65% rain

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YESTERDAY
0.00″
of rain at the Guthrie Mesonet

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BREAKING NEWS

Bluejays Blank Lawton Mac 45–0, Advance to Class 5A Quarterfinals ↗

Even Guthrie's freshman receiver gets into the touchdown game as Guthrie extends its winning streak to six games, setting up a road trip to Bishop McGuinness next Friday.

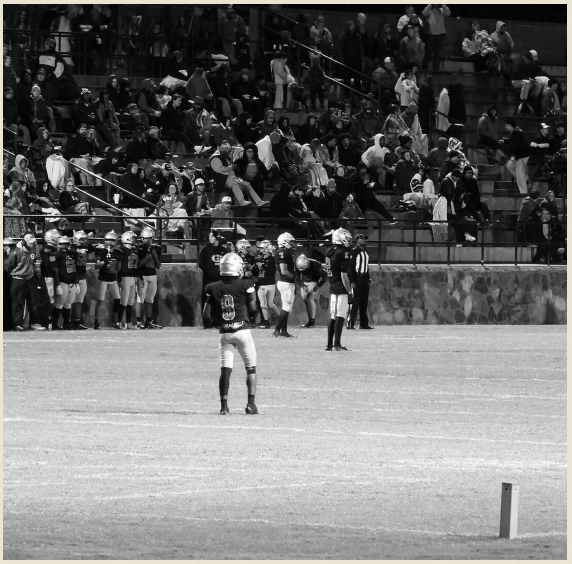
By OSC Staff

GUTHRIE, OKLA — Guthrie opened its postseason run with its most lopsided victory of the season Friday night, shutting out Lawton MacArthur 45–0 at Jelsma Stadium to advance to the Class 5A quarterfinals.

The win improved the Bluejays to 8–3 and extended their winning streak to six games. MacArthur finished its season at 5–6.

The Bluejays controlled the game from the kickoff, which was mishandled by the MacArthur return man, forcing the Highlanders to begin the game at their own 10.

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GUTHRIE, Okla. — (November 13, 2026) Guthrie sophomore Demetrious Thomas awaits the second-half kickoff as the Bluejays open their 2026 playoff run with a 45–0 shutout of the visiting Lawton MacArthur Highlanders. The crisp fall night sent many hometown fans beneath blankets at Jelsma Stadium.

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FIRST CAPITAL FORECAST ↗

Saturday: Cloudy, high 55, low 35. 65% chance of rain. Sunrise 7:05 a.m., sunset 5:22 p.m.

"A cool, gray Saturday in the First Capital, running well below normal, with rain likely tonight. Keep an umbrella handy if your plans run late."

Mesonet Yesterday at the Guthrie Mesonet: high 54, low 36, no rain. mesonet.org ↗

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
42° / 39°	55° / 38°	61° / 37°	64° / 43°	66° / 51°
70% rain	*sunny*	*sunny*	*cloudy*	*55% rain*

Weather data from Google.

ON THIS DAY · 1901

Guthrie turns off its lights at one in the morning to save money

Guthrie went dark after one o'clock every morning, all its lights turned off under a recent order of the city fathers, who wanted to economize. The thrift drew jeers from nearby Cushing, where it was noted that the town still hoped to keep its standing as the Capital City and the great metropolis of Oklahoma.

LOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO ↗

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

FRI 6:58 P.M. **Sand dumped on road at Grand and Sanderson in Crescent** ↗

Crescent Police

A Crescent officer reported sand dumped on the road at Grand and Sanderson and got a broom from the city yard. The officer later reported the road had been cleared as well as possible.

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From there, it was all Bluejays. Guthrie scored touchdowns on its first four possessions, building a 28–0 halftime lead. Qadri Muhammad capped the opening drive with a 2-yard touchdown run with 7:32 left in the first quarter. Daelon Rice and Dereon Whitehorn then connected for two scores: Whitehorn took a screen pass 45 yards to the end zone with 1:23 remaining in the opening quarter, then hauled in a 21-yard touchdown pass after Rice rolled right with 9:46 left in the second.

Sophomore Levi Dennis helped set up Guthrie's fourth touchdown, turning a third-down screen into a long gain near the goal line before Rice finished with a 3-yard scoring run at the seven-minute mark of the second quarter. The Bluejays' defense supplied a crucial answer before halftime. With MacArthur threatening from the 3, Rowan McHone recovered a fumble for a touchback, turning away the Highlanders and preserving Guthrie's four-touchdown advantage and shutout.

The Bluejays didn't let off in the second half. Skylor Scamman went up for a contested 35-yard reception to the MacArthur 20, helping set up Codie Carlock's 4-yard touchdown run with 6:48 left in the third quarter. Sophomore kicker Zailynn Creed added a 29-yard field goal with eight seconds remaining in the period, and backup quarterback Jameson McBride got in on the touchdown action, throwing a sixteen-yard touchdown pass to leaping freshman receiver Liam Beavers in the corner of the south end zone with 2:13 left in the fourth to complete the scoring.

The shutout came against a Highlanders team that had found its scoring touch late in the regular season. MacArthur arrived in Guthrie riding four consecutive victories, scoring at least 36 points in each. Against the Bluejays, that offense came away empty.

For Guthrie, Friday's result continued a turnaround from a difficult opening stretch. The Bluejays lost their first two games to Tuttle and Elgin and stood at 2–3 after a one-point loss at Carl Albert on Sept. 25. They have won every game since.

The 45-point margin surpassed Guthrie's previous season high, a 49–7 victory over Blanchard in September. It also marked the Bluejays' second shutout of the year, following a 28–0 win at Bethany.

Guthrie earned Friday's home playoff game by finishing second in District 5A-1 with a 5–1 district record. The Bluejays closed the regular season with victories over Midwest City, Lawton, Noble, Durant and Duncan before adding MacArthur to that run.

Next comes a trip to Oklahoma City to face Bishop McGuinness, which advanced with a 48–0 victory over Coweta. The Irish enter the quarterfinals at 10–1, riding eight consecutive victories after sweeping District 5A-4 with a 7–0 record. McGuinness has scored 509 points while allowing just 91 this season, recording five shutouts. Its only loss came against Carl Albert, 20–8, in September—the same Titans team that edged Guthrie by one point two weeks later. The matchup brings together two teams carrying lengthy winning streaks and coming off shutout playoff victories. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, with a berth in the state semifinals at stake.

BREAKING NEWS

"No Housing Diversity": Guthrie Planning Commission Advances 214-Lot Subdivision Despite Departing Planner's Warning ↗

An October memo from outgoing Planning Director Dan Kassik questioned the proposed neighborhood's character, water availability and traffic impact. The plan calls for 129 lots smaller than Guthrie's ordinary minimum.

By OSC Staff

GUTHRIE, OKLA. — Before leaving Guthrie for a new job, Planning Director Dan Kassik delivered a blunt assessment of a proposed 214-lot subdivision, to be known as The Vale near South Pine Street and East Industrial Road.

"This development will have no housing diversity or neighborhood character. It lacks the two most important aspects this community needs," Kassik wrote in his October 26 staff report to the Guthrie Planning Commission.

On Thursday, the Commission took less than 20 minutes to, after a brief discussion, move the proposal forward, subject to additional review of the developer's application, traffic, water and sewer concerns. The proposal still

requires City Council consideration and subdivision plat approvals.

Kassik's warning was written shortly before his early-November move to Glenpool to become that city's community development director.

The proposed project, called The Vale, would place 214 single-family residential lots on a 44.39-acre portion of a larger property northwest of Pine and Industrial, near the Guthrie–Edmond Regional Airport.

Applicant Hollow Brook Holdings, LLC, is seeking a planned unit development (PUD) designation. A PUD plan allows exceptions to Guthrie's ordinary requirements for lot size, lot width, front setbacks and building coverage.

For 129 of the proposed lots—about 60% of the subdivision—the minimum lot area would fall from 6,000 square feet to 4,800 square feet, while minimum width would shrink from 50 feet to 40 feet.

A 4,800-square-foot lot is approximately eleven-hundredths of an acre. At the dimensions illustrated in the development plan, a typical smaller lot would measure 40 feet wide by 120 feet deep—10 feet narrower and 20% smaller than Guthrie's ordinary minimum.

The proposal also would reduce the minimum front setback from 25 feet to 20 feet and increase the maximum share of a lot occupied by the main building's footprint from 35% to 50%. Driveways and other paved surfaces would occupy additional ground beyond the building footprint.

Kassik's concern extended beyond the dimensions of the lots.

His report also suggested that the proposed subdivision would fail to provide the variety of housing and neighborhood character envisioned in Guthrie's comprehensive plan, which is one of the criteria for granting a planned unit development plan and raised questions about the infrastructure needed to serve the subdivision.

The property lies within the Rural Water District One's service area. Of that, Kassik wrote that "there is not certainty at this point" of there being "adequate water" for the development.

Additionally, city sewer service does not currently serve the property and would require an approximately half-mile extension from Division Street and securing easements from the property owners along that distance.

On traffic, Kassik warned that Pine Street could face volumes beyond what the road was built to accommodate. He noted that the street had not been improved since development of the Guthrie Farms subdivision to the north and said The Vale's limited connections to surrounding neighborhoods would leave residents dependent on cars.

That other development, Guthrie Farms, at the southwest corner of Pine Street and University Avenue, received City Council approval for a similar PUD plan on June 15, 2021, allowing 388 residential lots on 90.57 acres. Its exceptions included up to 184 lots measuring 4,800 square feet with 40-foot widths—the same minimums requested for 129 of The Vale's 214 proposed lots. Further North, Hillcrest Farms, at the northwest corner of Hillcrest Avenue and Pine Street, did not receive a PUD plan but rather proceeded under standard R-1 zoning, with the council approving its 60-lot final plat on September 20, 2022. Most Hillcrest lots measure 50 by 120 feet, meeting the standard 6,000-square-foot minimum.

The comprehensive plan underlying Kassik's review, with the criteria that's designed to guide the PUD exception consideration, dates to 2002 and grew out of planning work that included a citywide land-use survey completed in 2000. Prepared by RDG Crose Gardner Shukert, a planning firm based in Omaha and Des Moines, The Guthrie Plan followed the city's previous comprehensive plan, completed in 1977. Developed with participation from residents, city officials and a Planning Coordinating Committee, the document addressed land use, housing, transportation, parks, urban design and public services, establishing a framework for accommodating growth while preserving Guthrie's distinctive character.

Prior to the Commission's Thursday night vote, engineer Christian Hagen, representing the project, said The Vale's smaller interior lots were intended to lower housing costs, with larger lots around the perimeter. He said a water-availability study had been requested and its results were pending.

The Commission's recommendation now goes to the full City Council.

THE MORNING REPORT

GUTHRIE, Okla. — Good morning, First Capital, and happy Saturday. We lead with the Bluejays, who blanked Lawton Mac 45–0 Friday night to advance to the Class 5A quarterfinals. We also report that the Guthrie Planning Commission advanced a 214-lot subdivision despite a departing planner's warning. Friday evening, deputies were sent to a deer strike near 33 and MacArthur, and overnight they were called to a reported assault on West County Road 75. The Guthrie Flea Market opens at 8 a.m., and KOKH Fox 25 reports a former Logan County deputy has been charged with rape and lewd acts and controversy erupts as the Sooners game against Ole Miss has been postponed until Sunday. Keep an umbrella handy under cloudy skies with rain likely.



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PHOTO OF THE DAY. GUTHRIE, Okla. — (November 13, 2026) The late-afternoon sun illuminates Guthrie's Masonic Temple as seen from the Guthrie Farms neighborhood. More photographs ↗

COMMUNITY CALENDAR ↗

GUTHRIE FLEA MARKET ↗ 8 a.m. · Guthrie

Music at the Moon with DAWN & HAWKES ↗ 6 p.m. · Guthrie

LOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO ↗ *continued from page 1*

FRI 9:15 P.M. **Deputies respond to reported assault on West County Road 75 near Pennsylvania** ↗
Logan County Sheriff

Deputies responded to a reported assault in the 10900 block of West County Road 75, near Pennsylvania. Dispatchers said a boyfriend had left in a silver 2007 lifted Chevy Silverado after threatening suicide, possibly toward Cedar Valley. Guthrie police checked another address and spoke with the man's father, who had been unable to reach him; the man and the vehicle were not there.

FRI 7:38 P.M. **Deputies take person into custody on warrant in the 9700 block of South Western** ↗
Logan County Sheriff

Deputies went to the 9700 block of South Western to serve a warrant. A deputy later returned to the address, and radio traffic reported a person in custody, with the transport rerouted to Mercy Logan.

— OTHER TRAFFIC —

FRI 6:56 A.M. Sheriff assistance requested for partially blocking car-versus-deer crash ↗
Logan County Sheriff

FRI 12:37 P.M. Crash at Tractor Supply at Waterloo and Sooner reported non-injury ↗

FRI 2:18 P.M. Police respond to threats report in the 1600 block of West Mansur ↗
Guthrie Police

FRI 5:22 P.M. Deer struck near 33 and MacArthur; airbags deploy, driver declines care ↗
Logan County Sheriff

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— STATE —

Clippers overcome 40 points from SGA and use late run to slip past Thunder ↗ KOCO

SEC told OU not playing Ole Miss on Sunday 'would result in a forfeit,' Oklahoma AD says ↗ KOCO

SEC moves No. 19 Ole Miss–Oklahoma game to Sunday, Sooners' AD rips decision by Sankey ↗ KRMG

OU athletic director says SEC forced Sunday game against Ole Miss despite Sooners' objections ↗ NEWS 9

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One industry surged DC lobbying 337% under Trump — here's what's driving the push ↗ FOX NEWS

Enforce Immigration Law in the Boardroom ↗ DAILY SIGNAL

Trump says the Iran war 'effectively over.' It's still costing the US billions ↗ THE HILL

Richard Fowler wins Washington Examiner election contest ↗ WASHINGTON EXAMINER

— INTERNATIONAL —

Inside Arab nation's battle against radicalism as top official warns of threat brewing on Europe's streets ↗ FOX NEWS

US has floated Ukraine ceding Donbas for Nato membership, Zelensky says ↗ BBC NEWS

AT THE AIRPORT ↗

Guthrie-Edmond Regional, 6:50 a.m. Friday to 6:50 a.m. Saturday: 37 takeoffs, 40 landings and 3 touch-and-goes, by 30 aircraft.

Search and rescue: 2005 Cessna 182T (N352CP), owned by Civil Air Patrol of Maxwell Afb, Alabama, landed at 10:21 a.m. Friday and took off at 10:26 a.m.

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