TODAY'S WEATHER
56° / 38°
Sunny · 10% rain

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YESTERDAY
1.00″
of rain at the Guthrie Mesonet

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BREAKING NEWS

Brick or Stucco? Guthrie Business Owner to Present Her Appeal to Guthrie City Council on Tuesday ↗

Jennifer Bozarth seeks reversal of a 4–3 Guthrie Historic Preservation Commission decision forcing her to cover her brick building with an Art Deco-style stucco covering.

By OSC Staff

GUTHRIE, Okla. — Guthrie business owner Jennifer Bozarth is set to appear before the Guthrie City Council on Tuesday night, where she will ask Guthrie's elected officials to overturn a controversial 4–3 ruling by the city's Historic Preservation Commission requiring her to cover the front exterior of the McNulty Building at 220 E. Harrison Ave. with an Art Deco-style stucco surface.

The appeal brings to the council a dispute that has repeatedly drawn Bozarth back to City Hall since June, after Bozarth removed the building's previous exterior, a Vitrolite glass surface, citing safety and liability concerns.

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GUTHRIE, Okla. — (November 16, 2026) A rendering provided by Jennifer Bozarth shows her vision for the restored McNulty Building. Bozarth is asking the Guthrie City Council to overturn the Historic Preservation Commission's decision and allow her to proceed with plans to restore the building's brick exterior.

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FIRST CAPITAL FORECAST ↗

Monday: Sunny, high 56, low 38. Patchy fog until about 7 a.m. No rain expected. Sunrise 7:07 a.m., sunset 5:21 p.m.

"Patchy fog lingers on the morning drive in the First Capital, so slow down and use your low beams. After the weekend's soaking, expect sunshine and a cooler-than-normal afternoon."

Mesonet Over the weekend at the Guthrie Mesonet, Saturday to Sunday: highs 43 to 55, lows 34 to 41, 1.00 inch of rain (0.89 inches at Marshall), most of it Sunday. mesonet.org ↗

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
61°	65°	67°	68°	66°
38°	42°	50°	54°	40°
sunny	*sunny*	*partly sunny*	*partly sunny*	*sunny*

Weather data from Google.

YOUR MORNING COMMUTE

Southbound I-35, Guthrie (Exit 157) to the I-40 junction: 35 minutes at 7:57 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound SH-74, Crescent to Lake Hefner Parkway: 44 minutes at 7:57 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound Broadway Extension, Edmond to downtown Oklahoma City: 23 minutes at 7:57 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound Broadway, SH-33 west of Guthrie to 2nd Street in Edmond: 25 minutes at 7:57 a.m. No slowdown.

Eastbound Waterloo Road, Broadway to I-35: 6 minutes at 7:57 a.m. No slowdown.

Westbound Waterloo Road, Douglas Boulevard to I-35: 4 minutes at 7:57 a.m. No slowdown.

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During the commission's October meeting, member Lisa Kennedy told Bozarth the underlying brick was unsuitable for exterior use, describing it as *"basically like sandstone."* Bozarth returned to the commission on Nov. 2, presenting an opinion from Acme Brick stating that the brick was designed to withstand harsh weather environments.

Commission Chairman Valerie Duncan joined Kennedy, Stephen Harrison and newly appointed member Matthew Knight in defeating fellow board member's Nathan Turner's motion to allow the brick exterior instead of the previously authorized stucco surface. Turner, Darrell Covington and Carol McPeek supported Turner's motion, producing the 4–3 split now headed to the council.

Duncan's commitment to preserving Art Deco storefront treatments predates the McNulty dispute.

In June 2021, prior to becoming commission chairperson, she cast the sole opposing vote when the commission approved reconstruction of the Ringrose Building's storefront at 208 W. Oklahoma Ave. That 4–1 decision allowed replacement of its salmon-and-green Carrara glass covering with a facade featuring brick, wood windows, doors and a canopy.

In the McNulty case, Duncan has repeatedly criticized Bozarth's removal of the glass tile without prior commission approval and expressed concern over the loss of another Art Deco facade. She has repeatedly encouraged either replacing the Vitrolite with salvaged Vitrolite, as the product is no longer manufactured, or covering the facade with stucco with Art Deco styling.

On Tuesday, Bozarth will provide the City Council with an expert letter from Brad Hill of Brad Hill Masonry criticizing the use of stucco as creating the potential for moisture damage and lamenting the loss of the *"original craftsmanship."* She is also providing documentation and testimony from a member of the McNulty family who describes the structure as having had a brick exterior, *"to our recollection,"* before the addition of the Vitrolite facade in 1940.

Bozarth's submission includes documents provided by Erin Brown, curator of collections at the Oklahoma Territorial Museum. The two have researched content from newspaper archives, city directories and building permit files, as well as a Sanborn fire insurance map from the 1920s showing that a building with a brick exterior predated the 1940 Vitrolite facade.

Together, those materials are meant to support Bozarth's argument that retaining the brick would preserve an earlier part of that location's history, more consistent with the Victorian aesthetic, rather than require a recreation of the later Art Deco aesthetic.

Other items to be considered by the council on Tuesday include modifications and allowance reallocations for Fire Station No. 2, with no increase to the contract amount; a resolution authorizing Guthrie's participation in national opioid settlements with Albertsons Companies, Inc.; and agreements with Myers Engineering and Poe & Associates for on-call engineering services. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall council chambers, 101 N. Second St.

THE MORNING REPORT

GUTHRIE, Okla. — Good morning, First Capital, and happy Monday. We lead with a Guthrie business owner who will present her appeal to the Guthrie City Council on Tuesday in the fight over whether her building stays brick or is covered in stucco. Overnight, deputies detained two people in a search of the 6300 block of West Highway 51 near Kelly after a caller reported shooting a person. Oklahoma Watch reports State Farm will pay $45 million after an Oklahoma insurance investigation, and NonDoc reports Edmond CityLink bus route cuts are under review. The weekend left an inch of rain at the Guthrie Mesonet, but today looks sunny once the early fog lifts.

YOUR GOVERNMENT MEETS TODAY ↗

City of Edmond: Stormwater Drainage Advisory Board Meeting — cancelled. ↗

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

SAT 5:43 P.M. **Deputies search for cow reported on shoulder of southbound I-35 near mile marker 162** ↗

Logan County Sheriff

Logan County deputies, at the request of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, searched for a black cow reported on the outside shoulder of southbound I-35 near mile marker 162 at 5:43 p.m. Deputies searched southbound I-35 from Mulhall Road to mile marker 160, and later both directions between mile markers 159 and 165, but reported being unable to locate the cow. Dispatchers said the cattle's owner would send someone to check the cattle and the fence.

SUN 10:19 A.M. **Vehicle left stuck in mud; helper car blocks road at County Road 76 and Indian Meridian** ↗
Logan County Sheriff
A motorist's vehicle was stuck in mud Sunday morning, and a deputy reported deputies could not pull it out and offered the motorist a ride; the motorist found a ride, and the vehicle remained stuck until the ground dries or a wrecker can get it out. Later, a vehicle that had come to help needed a jump and was blocking the roadway at County Road 76 and Indian Meridian, and a deputy reported jump-starting it.

— OTHER TRAFFIC —

SUN 10:22 A.M. Cow in ditch along southbound I-35 near mile marker 163 returned behind fence ↗
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 12 P.M. Deputy helps free vehicle stuck in mud near Simpson and Henney ↗
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 12:08 P.M. Pickup reported in ditch on Seward Road east of Highway 74 ↗
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 12:11 P.M. Second vehicle reported stuck at Simpson and Henney ↗
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 4:11 P.M. Deputy checks report of loose black horse near Forest Hills and Anderson ↗
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 5:53 P.M. Dead deer removed from Coltrane near Simpson after traffic hazard report ↗
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 7:49 P.M. Vehicle freed from mud just east of Charter Oak and May ↗
Logan County Sheriff

ON THIS DAY · 1897

Guthrie forms a football team to face Oklahoma City on Christmas Day

Football enthusiasts in Guthrie finished organizing a team, and practice was to begin at once. The eleven was to meet the Oklahoma City team on Christmas, with the game to be played at Oklahoma City. Sixteen men were named as material for the home team.

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Newsrooms across Oklahoma, and the wires from Washington and the world, as they file — on one live page.

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AROUND THE STATE AND BEYOND

From other newsrooms, each credited to its own; every headline opens the story where it was published.

— LOCAL —

'Probably going to lose riders': Edmond CityLink bus route reductions under review ↗ NONDOC

— STATE —

State Farm To Pay $45 Million After Oklahoma Insurance Investigation ↗ OKLAHOMA WATCH

Checking in on the Oklahoma economy with Marketplace ↗ KOSU

Oklahoma State faces Central Arkansas in non-conference matchup ↗ KRMG

— NATIONAL —

Dem eyeing Homeland Security committee's oversight subcommittee gavel aims 'to dismantle DHS from the inside' ↗ FOX NEWS

Pentagon ignored warnings before Iran drone killed 6 US service members in Kuwait, whistleblower claims ↗ NEW YORK POST

We Know How Joe Biden Felt About Volodymyr Zelensky. He's Not Wrong. ↗ TOWNHALL

Thanksgiving travel likely to dip a bit due to prices, AAA says ↗ CBS NEWS

— INTERNATIONAL —

Elon Musk joins 'Bring Jensen Back' campaign to reinstate the ex-Nvidia boss ↗ BBC NEWS

IDF strikes Hezbollah weapons shipment crossing from Syria into Lebanon overnight ↗ JERUSALEM POST

Europe Should Work Within Russia's New Worldview To Explore Reasonable Compromises ↗ ANDREW KORYBKO

AT THE AIRPORT ↗

Guthrie-Edmond Regional, 6:50 a.m. Sunday to 6:50 a.m. Monday: 3 takeoffs and 3 landings, by 5 aircraft.

A 1974 Beech C90 (N1801B), owned by Sjd Flight LLC of Houston, Texas, took off at 11:33 a.m. Sunday.

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