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HISTORY ON THE BLOCK



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Three historic buildings in Guthrie are listed for resale ahead of an annual public auction scheduled for next month.

As of the latest list dated May 15, the historic Victor Building, the Blue Belle Saloon and the Pollard Bed and Breakfast are among 133 properties set to be bid on at this year's June Resale, a statewide event where county treasurers across Oklahoma sell real estate that has been delinquent on taxes for at least three years.

By state law, the auction begins on the second Monday in June and continues until all properties have been sold. All 77 Oklahoma county treasurers conduct their sales on that day in an effort to recover unpaid property taxes.

The auction in Logan County will take place at 9 a.m. Monday, June 8, at the Guthrie Fairgrounds, located at 215 Fairgrounds Road.

Prospective buyers must first register at the auction to receive a number. Logan County Treasurer Sherri Longnecker said bidding starts at the amount of taxes owed on each property and increases in \$100 increments until the highest bidder wins.

"If you're the winner of the bid, then you would go see my cashier and pay cash for the property right then,"

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3 key sites in Guthrie slated to be part of June Resale auction



Dating back to the day of the Land Run, the Blue Belle Saloon, at 224 W. Harrison Ave. in Guthrie, is Oklahoma's oldest working saloon.

TOP: The historic Victor Building is seen at 202 W. Harrison Ave. in Guthrie.

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Teacher pay raises approved under new state laws

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Public school teachers will receive a minimum \$2,000 pay raise going into the 2026-2027 school year, which could help cushion the longer recess and longer school year at some schools thanks to a slew of new education-related laws signed by Gov. Kevin Stitt.

With the close of another legislative session, several laws were officially approved by Stitt, including 150 in May alone.

Education was a consistent topic throughout the session, with numerous bills filed in both chambers reaching into longer school years and new literacy efforts.

The bills signed by Stitt signal his final slate of laws ahead of the gubernatorial primary on June 16, signaling some of his final stances on education in Oklahoma. After passing what has been touted as one of the most significant literacy reforms in the nation, Stitt said the importance of education in Oklahoma can't be understated.

"We all know that reading paves the

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Bulletin urges limit on kids' screen time

Surgeon general's office cites risks to mental and physical health

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The U.S. surgeon general's office wants adults to crack down on kids' screen time.

Released May 20, the "Harms of Screen Use" bulletin warns that children and teens are spending more time on their digital devices than sleeping or attending school.

The report emphasizes much of what is already known about the detriment of too much screen time on developing minds, much like the American Academy of Pediatrics' guidelines.

The advisory links excessive and "compulsive" screen use to poor sleep

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Stitt orders state troopers to clear homeless camp

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State troopers have cleared out a homeless encampment on state-owned property in Norman, the latest of at least three efforts directed by Gov. Kevin Stitt to remove unhoused people from their living spaces.

Stitt has described the sweeps as necessary to keep state-owned land

safe and clean. He said he directed state troopers to clear out the Norman encampment after a recent overdose death.

Norman Police Department Spokeswoman Sarah Schettler said the department was not involved in the effort and that officers did not know about it beforehand.

Stitt said in a statement that the Oklahoma Highway Patrol was wrapping up the effort Friday, May 22. It fo-

cused on the 200 block of South Reed Avenue. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation has said a 40-year-old man was found dead near the site May 16, and that his cause of death will be determined by the state medical examiner.

"Allowing people to sleep under a bridge or in a park is not compassionate," Stitt, a Republican, said in the

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