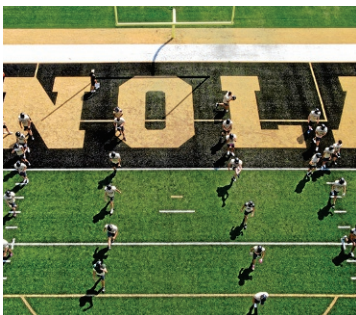


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HISTORY SURROUNDS RESTORATION WORK



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Tulsa Tech students and diesel instructor Shannon Fargo look over the Spirit of Oklahoma fire truck, which is being restored by students on the Broken Arrow campus. Oklahoma students in the months after Sept. 11, 2001, raised about \$400,000 to purchase the vehicle for the New York Fire Department.

Tulsa-area students to bring 9/11 memorial fire truck ‘back to life’



BELLA CASEY
Tulsa World

BROKEN ARROW — The Spirit of Oklahoma fire truck is like every vehicle Shannon Fargo has worked on, but it's like nothing he's seen before in his shop at the Tulsa Technology Center Broken Arrow Campus.

Covered in scratches, dings and bruises, the truck is a poster child for faded paint jobs. That wear and tear is American history. And so are the names that line each side of the vehicle's doors.

Oklahoma students in the months after 9/11 raised about \$400,000 (approximately \$1 million in today's money) to

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Jose Saldivar is among Tulsa Tech students who will work on the restoration of the Spirit of Oklahoma fire truck, which carries the names of the 10 members of the New York Task Force-1 who died on 9/11.

Americans still living with legacy of Sept. 11 attacks

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AND DAN FASTENBERG
Reuters

NEW YORK — Scott Larsen was 4 years old when his dad, the New York City firefighter he was named after, was killed in the collapse of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

His father, then 35, had recently been temporarily assigned to Lower Manhattan from his normal firehouse in Woodside, in the borough of Queens, when a pair of jets hijacked by al-Qaida Islamist militants crashed into the Twin Towers. He was one of 343 members of the New York City Fire Department

who died in the attack 25 years ago.

The two jets as well as a third piloted into the Pentagon and a fourth downed in Pennsylvania killed about 3,000 people in an unprecedented attack that left behind tens of thousands of grieving spouses, parents and children and stunned the world.

The events of Sept. 11, early in President George W. Bush's first term, profoundly reshaped U.S. national security policy and led to decades-long wars in which more than 900,000 died, primarily in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Dr. Michael Crane, medical director of the World Trade Center Health Program Clinical Center of Excellence at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan, photographed Aug. 19. Crane says that one of the biggest challenges in treating 9/11 first responders is that 25 years after the attacks, illnesses including asbestos-related diseases and possibly dementia are just now being diagnosed. He says that getting these illnesses included on the list of 9/11 related diseases is crucial to providing quality care to victims.

Tenure ban costing rural schools top candidates

ANDREA EGER
Oklahoma Watch

Gov. Kevin Stitt's decree ending faculty tenure is already costing regional universities top-choice hires and other applicants, making it harder for schools in remote locations to attract academic talent.

State and local leaders grappling with the issue said they hope the new rule sunsets along with Stitt's time in office.

At East Central University in Ada, two of four vacated positions — in history and criminal justice — remain unfilled after lower than normal application rates and numerous candidate withdrawals. A second-choice candidate was hired in the computer science department after the most qualified said “no” to a job offer, all owing to the college's inability to offer a tenure track.

“The governor, in messages he has delivered to us, says he disagrees with academic freedom and thinks professors at the end of their careers aren't doing much,” said ECU President Wendell Godwin. “But we have a process for getting rid of professors who are not effective, whether they are tenured or not.”

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More heat in forecast this week

Moderate to exceptional drought affecting entire state

WORLD STAFF

Triple-digit temperatures and heat advisories were expected to continue through midweek in the Tulsa area.

The National Weather Service Tulsa issued heat advisories for noon to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday with heat indices predicted in the 105-109 degree range.

Sunday's high temperature in Tulsa was 104 degrees, according to the Oklahoma Mesonet, with highs forecast to remain in triple digits through Wednesday.

A medical heat alert will remain in effect “until temperatures and/or heat-related call volume decrease significantly,” EMSA said in a release Monday.

EMSA reported it has responded to 463 heat-related illness calls and transported 303 patients in the Tulsa area and said the number of heat-related transports this year continues to exceed the total annual counts for both 2025 and 2024.

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Lottery

For the latest lottery numbers, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link.

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Forecast: A2

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