

# Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum Expansion Groundbreaking Coverage Links as of 9 a.m. April 21, 2026

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### \$1 MILLION-PLUS EXPANSION PROJECT

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**Above:** The Heart of Route 66 Museum has a hard-to-miss exterior attraction: a 66-foot-tall replica gas pump. **Below:** A rendering showing plans for expansion is on display during the groundbreaking ceremony Monday at the Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum in Sapulpa. The 5,000-square-foot expansion is expected to open Nov. 23.

## Buildout at Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum to grow facility by 5,000 square feet

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SAPULPA — The Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum, located on the Mother Road in Sapulpa, has been in operation for 10 years.

In Route 66's centennial year, the museum is going the extra mile.

A ceremonial groundbreaking was staged Monday for the Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum \$1 million-plus expansion project.

The museum will remain open during the expansion, allowing Route 66 centennial travelers to check out interior attractions, including more than two dozen vintage vehicles. The hard-to-miss exterior attraction is a 66-foot-tall replica gas pump, which was in the background as museum founder Richard Holmes and others hefted shovels of dirt for a photo op.

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## Bill targeting child literacy clears Senate

Ceremonial signing set for Tuesday

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OKLAHOMA CITY — An ambitious bill to improve literacy in Oklahoma prioritized by Republican leaders in the Legislature cleared a final vote in the Senate on Monday, and Gov. Kevin Stitt announced that he would sign it at a ceremony planned Tuesday at an Oklahoma City elementary school.

Senate Bill 1778, the Strong Readers Act, will commit significant resources to help public schools to:

- Identify reading deficiencies in youngsters early on in their education by adopting policies for consistent screenings
- Provide targeted intervention, grounded in the science of reading, to help children to catch up beginning in the earliest grades
- Clearly communicate with parents about the progress being made in classrooms and how they might better help their children at home
- Ensure students can demonstrate reading ability before advancing to the next grade level. Retention would be more likely for students who are unable to demonstrate reading ability toward the end of their third-grade year.
- Capitalize on enhanced teacher training and classroom support to improve student outcomes



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Fox 23: [Video: Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum celebrates groundbreaking of new expansion | News | fox23.com](#)

News on 6: [Sapulpa's Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum expanding - NewsOn6.com](#)

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The founder of Sapulpa's Route 66 Auto Museum is expanding the space to showcase even more classic and custom cars during the highway's centennial year.

Emory Bryan / News On 6 has more on what's next for the museum 🗨️ in the comments



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