

FIRST QUARTER 2017

JANUARY

10 Jan 2017

An Oklahoma woman who drove into a crowd of spectators at Oklahoma State University's 2015 homecoming parade, killing four people and injuring dozens of others, is set to stand trial. Adacia Chambers, 26, has pleaded not guilty to four counts of second-degree murder and 42 counts of assault and battery. If convicted of any of the murder charges, she could face up to life in prison. The trial begins Tuesday in Stillwater.

13 Jan 2017

On Friday, Shawnee Fire Department responded to structure fire at the future home of Joe Cooper Chevrolet located on Shawnee Mall Drive. Fire Marshal David Anderson said the fire was caused by a welder who was working near the ceiling and sparks caused roofing materials to catch on fire. The fire was extinguished at 10:08 a.m.

15 Jan 2017

Shawnee City Commissioners on Tuesday may decide whether to approve a detachment request by St. Gregory's University, so they may receive help from Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) to continue forward as a staple to the community. If approved, the city will allow the detachment of 520 acres owned by St. Gregory's University and the Benedictine Fathers of Sacred Heart Mission, Inc., from the city effective immediately.

FEBRUARY

2 Feb 2017

A state health leader has warned lawmakers that without legislative action Oklahoma's public health laboratory will not only lose accreditation, but it will also close. State Health Commissioner Terry Cline told a group of lawmakers at a budget hearing Tuesday that his agency will need the Legislature to approve a 20-year bond for \$58.5 million. He also requested \$632,000 to pay the interest of the bond

7 Feb 2017

Over the past four years the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center has earned nearly \$2 million for selling more than 400 baboons for medical research. The university announced in 2015 that it would end its baboon program within four years, The Oklahoman reported. The decision came after the program, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health, received criticism from animal welfare groups.

8 Feb 2017

A warrant sweep in the city of Shawnee Sunday morning yielded 17 arrests, which cleared 47 warrants in Shawnee, three for Pottawatomie County and one misdemeanor from Okmulgee, Municipal Judge Randall Wiley said. Shawnee City Marshals Brad Sherill and Tom Cartwright, along with Shawnee police officers and members of the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Warrant Team, which is comprised of officers from many area departments, worked together in the operation. Wiley said all of the arrests occurred in the city limits.

MARCH

3 Mar 2017

A grass fire Friday afternoon along Interstate 40 near SH 102 shut down the busy interstate for just over three hours. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reports the roadway is back open. It was shut down from about 1:34 p.m. to 4:54 p.m.

7 Mar 2017

The Shawnee Police Department did some spring cleaning, unloading several vehicles and equipment from its inventory — some for donation, some to scrap and some to trade in. Putting several items before City Commissioners, the SPD requested several resolutions: first that some SPD vehicles be determined surplus and then donated — a 2004 Chevy Impala to the McLoud Police Department and two 2005 Ford Crown Victorias to the Boley Police Department. SPD also requested five cars be declared surplus property to be sold for scrap.

8 Mar 2017

The Shawnee Board of Education is moving along with school improvements, taking a moment this week to switch members in a seat after the recent election. The board's newest member, Mark Betterton took his oath of office. After winning the recent school board election, he replaces longtime board member Gerry Pfeil.